

W. G. SPILLMAN

—Martha Vestal was born in North Carolina, August 8, 1833. Her father, who was a Methodist preacher, removed with his family to Poweshiek Co., Iowa, in 1851. Two years later, in 1853, they located at Blue Point. Oct. 12, 1854, she and W. G. Spillman were united in marriage. Mrs. Spillman became the mother of nine children, three of whom preceded her to the spirit land. Until a few years since she was a woman of rugged physique. About three years ago her health gave way and she has steadily declined and suffered, sometimes sorely, till she died Sunday morning, August 21, 1893, being a little over 65 years old. She was converted in her teens and united with the M. E. church and remained a faithful member to the end. In her last months though her cup of affliction seemed to be always more than full, yet her faith in Jesus Christ as her Saviour from sin and the ground of her hope of immortal blessedness always strengthened and cheered her. The funeral occurred Tuesday. A brief service of prayer and singing was held at the home at eight o'clock in the morning, after which the body was conveyed to the M. E. church at Blue Point, where Rev. J. E. Corley spoke words of appreciation, comfort and cheer to the assembled company of relatives, friends and neighbors. The body was borne to the grave by Mrs. Spillman's five daughters, and a son-in-law, Mr. Stanley. It was expected that her son Reese of Reno Co., Kansas, would be the sixth, but he was unable to be present. Mrs. Spillman leaves three brothers, three sisters, six children and the companion of her youth to miss her presence and, we trust, rejoice in her translation. The family wish to express their thanks to their friends for numerous acts of kindness the past few days. 8-26-98.

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