

Mrs. Hester Stark Passes

9-20-1927

Funeral Services for Pioneer Woman
Conducted Sunday Afternoon from
E. B. Church Near Newburg.

HAD LIVED IN JASPER
COUNTY SINCE 1870

Mrs. Stark Died at Home of Daughter,
Mrs. N. J. Morgart, Sep-
tember 15.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hester
Ludwick Stark were conducted from
the United Brethren church near New-
burg, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock
by Rev. W. B. Wilson. Following is
the obituary.

Mrs. Hester Ludwick Stark was
born in Indiana, July 10, 1845, and
passed away at the home of her daugh-
ter, Mrs. N. J. Morgart, in Grinnell
early Thursday morning. She was sixth
in a family of fifteen children. On May
30, 1864, she was married to James
Stark and six years later the family
moved to Jasper county, Iowa. In
1883 they bought what is now known
as the Stark homestead, 5½ miles
southwest of Newburg where they re-
sided continuously until moving to
Newburg, twenty-three years ago
where the home has since been. The
husband passed away seven years ago.

The Starks were pioneers in the
true sense of that term. Hickory
Grove township was thinly populated
at that time. Neighbors were few
and houses far between. Kellogg and
Grinnell were the only trading points
and roads followed the divides rather
than section lines. Wolves were num-
erous and rattle snakes a constant
menace. Conditions of life were hard
and comforts few, yet in spite of its
hardships and the care of a family of
six children their days were happy.

Mrs. Stark gave time and strength
in times of sickness in the neighbor-
hood, often being away from home for
days at a time on these missions of
mercy. She was a charter member of
the Hickory Grove United Brethren
church. She was deeply religious, the
kind of religion that manifests itself
in unflinching good-will and kindly serv-
ice.

Mrs. Stark was the mother of three
sons and three daughters. They are in
order of age, Wm. C. Stark of Story
City, Ia.; Mrs. W. C. Newton of New-
burg; Mrs. N. J. Morgart, Grinnell;
Elijah L. Stark, Marshalltown; Clar-
ence H. Stark, Grinnell and Mrs. Clar-
ence Grubb (deceased) of Tracy, Iowa.
She has two sisters living, Mrs. Joe
Hays of Grinnell and Mrs. Robcock of
Steel City, Nebraska. There are 26
grandchildren and 18 great-grandchil-
dren living.

The passing of Mrs. Stark means the
removal of one of the best of women,
gentle and true, a wonderful mo-
ther, an unlimited capacity for friend-
ship, one whose very being seemed
dedicated to all that is highest and
best.

James