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Mary Thackeray was born in Garton, England, March 13, 1846 and died at Grinnell, Iowa, March 23, 1922, aged 76 years and 10 days.

She was the daughter of Francis Thackeray. The family came to America, locating in Chatham, Canada, when the subject of this sketch was two years old. She was one of a family of seven children, five girls and two boys, Frank and Dick Thackeray, both of Grinnell, Mrs. L. W. Satchell, now of Riverside, California, and Mrs. Etta Errett, of Nevada, Mo., surviving, Mrs. Maria Car, who died in Canada, Ellen, who was killed in the Grinnell cyclone of 1882 and Bessie, who died in infancy.

On February 14, 1870, she was united in marriage with Alvin Henry Stickle, at Grinnell, her husband preceding her in death on October 14, 1910. To them were born the following children; Mrs. Anna M. Ahrens, now of Des Moines; Francis H. Stickle, Cambridge Springs, Penn.; George A. Stickle, Detroit, Mich.; William A. Stickle, of Hopkins, Mo.; Charles P. Stickle, Grinnell; A. E. Stickle, Des Moines and Mrs. Charles Nichols, Grinnell, all of whom survive to mourn the loss of a good mother. There are also two stepdaughters, Mrs. Etta Jones, of Fairview, S. D., and Mrs. William Alley who died in 1894.

In her early life she united with the Methodist Episcopal church where she has been a life long active member, and as a legacy she leaves to her children and her friends a Christian character. In the loss of their mother the children will miss the kindness and the gentle, loving council which has always characterized her life, and dominated her household.

Mrs. Stickle has resided in the community for more than half a century and during that time has made scores of good friends who in addition to the members of the immediate family mourn the loss of a kindly neighbor, a true friend and a Christian woman.

It is a matter of much interest to all to learn that Mrs. Stickle was a second cousin of William Makepeace Thackeray, the famous English author, and that this trait was a family characteristic is indicated by the fact that she herself has written a large quantity of verse and some of her letters to her children were often sent in verse form.

Dr. C. W. Wasser conducted funeral services Monday afternoon from the Methodist church. The pall bearers were her three sons, C. P. Stickle, A. E. Stickle and Will Stickle, two sons in law, W. H. Alley and Charles Nichols and a brother, R. W. Thackeray. All of the children were present except F. H. and G. A. Stickle.

Music was furnished by a trio consisting of Russell Phillips and Misses Winifred Wheeler and Ruth Wasser with Miss Caroline Leighton at the piano.