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Died, at her residence in this city, Friday, December 15, at 5 o'clock a. m., Mrs. Maria Bartlett Sutherland, aged 76 years. Deceased was born in Bath, N. H., in 1817. Here she grew up into Christian womanhood, early uniting with the church. In 1841, she was united in marriage at Bath, to David Sutherland, eldest son of "Father Sutherland," one of the celebrated pastors of New England in days gone by. In 1841, they moved across the river into Vermont, where they lived eight years. In January, 1855, soon after the founding of Grinnell, Mr. Sutherland came to this place to build up a home on western prairie, as did a large number of residents of Bath. Here in 1855, he built the house which has been used ever since as a family residence, and in which both he and Mrs. Sutherland died. In October, '55, Mrs. Sutherland arrived with the rest of the family, and here she has ever since lived, an earnest Christian worker, faithful upon all meetings for prayer in the church. Though Mr. Sutherland was in Grinnell when the first Congregational Church was organized, he did not become a charter member, preferring rather to wait for the arrival of his family, when all united by letter. Mrs. Sutherland had been ill out a week, the cause of her death being largely from la grippe. Up to within two or three days of the last she was able to help herself. She was a self-

reliant, earnest, generous woman, always ready to do for others and expecting nothing in return. She leaves four children, - Mrs. M. M. Kelsey of Grinnell, Mrs. C. E. Schuyler of South Dakota, George Sutherland and David Sutherland, both of Beatrice. Besides her own children, she reared with all a mother's love, a son of her husband by his first wife, H. Sutherland of Gilman. The funeral was held at the house Sunday at two o'clock p. m., conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. M. Vittum. He spoke especially of her New Hampshire home, and the large colony of Grinnell people who came from Bath. The music was furnished by a quartet consisting of J. C. Walker, Jas. Allison, Mrs. Christian and Miss Hibbard. Mr. J. C. Walker an old friend of the family in Bath, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

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