
 * OBITUARY. *
 * 7-2-1915 *

Mrs. William B. Wert.

Phebe Wilde, daughter of Samuel and Harriet Pixley Wilde, was born in Sharon, Vt., June 10, 1840, and died at the home of her oldest daughter, Mrs. Chas. Clay, near Newburg, Ia., June 29, 1915, having attained the age of 75 years and 19 days. She was the youngest of five sisters, they all having preceded her in death. She came west when about twenty years of age, making her home with her sister, Mrs. S. S. Preston in Newton, Iowa, until her marriage with William B. Wert, March 22, 1864. They made their home in Newton, Iowa, until the spring of 1878, when they moved to Kellogg where they lived continuously for 37 years. April 14, 1915, death claimed her companion, since which time she had lived with her daughter. For more than 51 years they had shared the joys and sorrows of life together, and death had separated them but a few days.

To this union were born five children: Mrs. Chas. Clay, of Newburg, Iowa; Mrs. Arthur Eaton, of Newton, Iowa; Wm. E. and Thos. B. of San Francisco, Cal.; and R. L. Wert of Kellogg, Iowa.

When yet young in years the deceased was converted and united with the Free Will Baptist church in Vermont. In later years she united with the Christian church of Kellogg, Iowa.

For more than forty years Mrs. Wert was a great sufferer, and in old age was stricken with blindness. But sustained and soothed by that Unseen Presence who said, "Lo I am with you all the days," she bravely bore her sufferings and afflictions till the Master said "Come up higher," and she closed her eyes on the things of earth to reopen on the things eternal.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. L. Wissler from the Chas. Clay home near Newburg, and the body laid to rest in the family lot in the Kellogg cemetery.