

7-5 OBITUARY. 1907

MARTHA ANN WING Wood

"Home to Rest, on the Saviour's Breast.

Martha Ann Wing was born at Brewster, Mass., February 15, 1829.

Her early life was spent on Cape Cod, within hearing distance of the Ocean's roar.

She was the second of a family of nine children, and altho, because of her so being she had no little care, she often referred to this as being one of the happiest periods of her life.

While she was yet a girl her parents moved to Central New York where they intended to make a home; but, forseeing greater opportunities for their children in the west, they moved to Hillsdale, Mich., when Martha was 16 years of age.

While here she formed the acquaintance of Orison Wood with whom she was later united in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood made their home in Michigan for several years, all of their children being born there. Discerning better advantages, they moved to Geneseo, Ill., and later to Grinnell, Iowa, where they built up a seemingly permanent home. They lived very happily with their family for quite a number of years, when in 1880 Mr. Wood, after an illness of ten days was called to his home above.

After his death Mrs. Wood was so grieved that she disposed of her home in Grinnell and moved to Hudson, Mich., where she lived several years.

The reclining years of her life were spent at the home of her son, Lewis, in Minneapolis. In this home nothing was neglected which would add to her comfort and welfare.

Mrs. Wood was comparatively well until about one year ago, when her health and strength began to fail, slowly at first, but gradually increasing till Christmas time of last year. She was then very ill. She recovered in a way from this illness but slowly lost her vitality until about two months ago when her real suffering

began. From then until the time of her death her physical suffering was intense. All the medical aid possible was given her but to no avail. Sunday afternoon, June 16th, she departed this life leaving her loved ones to mourn their loss but rejoicing that she was united with those who had gone before and her blessed Saviour. Mrs. Wood was possessed of a wonderfully beautiful and pleasant character and personality, which, together with the radiant sunshine of her life not only made happy the lives of those around her, but also won for her many friends as was attested by the many beautiful floral offerings presented at her funeral.

She was an excellent mother—all that a mother could be—and her departure will leave in the lives of her children a vacuum which never can be filled. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive her. They are as follows: E. A. Wood, Brawley, Calif.; Robert L. Wood, Silver Creek, Neb.; John R. Wood, Eureka, Wash.; William Wood, Pittsford, Mich.; Lewis Wood, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Enola Martin, Hector, Minn. She also leaves one brother and four sisters in California, one sister in Louisiana and one brother in Idaho.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, June 18th, at the home of her son, Lewis, at 325 E. 16th St. Minneapolis, after which the remains were taken to Grinnell accompanied by Mr. L. Wood and Mrs. Martin. They arrived in Grinnell Wednesday and a short service was held at Hazelwood Cemetery conducted by Rev. Mr. Hurley. The remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband and son.

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