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## Miss Ermina Woods Called By Death

Ermina Ann Woods was born January 2, 1837, in Mercer County, Pennsylvania and died October 7, 1928 in Grinnell, Iowa. She was the daughter of Alexander and Mary Bean Woods and was the last of a family of ten children. The parents were of Scotch-Irish ancestry and were pioneers in western Pennsylvania. The father was one of the first to discontinue the custom of using liquor in the harvest fields.

Ermina was educated in the common schools and studied music at Oberlin College. She afterwards taught music and was also a teacher in the public schools in different places both east and west.

About 1870 she came west to Chester, Iowa, where her brother Abner Woods was then living.

Since then she has spent the greater part of her life in different places in Iowa and for a number of years has made her home with her nieces west of Grinnell.

She leaves fifteen nieces and nephews, some living in the east and others in different western states.

When a young woman she was a member of the Presbyterian church in Clarksville, Pa. She afterwards transferred her membership to the Congregational church in Chester, Iowa, and at the time of her death was a member of the First Congregational church of Grinnell.

In spite of her advanced age she retained her mental faculties to a remarkable degree and up to the day of her death was a constant reader and interested in all the news of the day.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. E. M. Wittum, were held at the Woods home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the body was sent to Yorktown, Iowa for interment.