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Sketch of Mrs. Wyatt's Life.

Cordelia Sophia Herrick was born in Crown Point, N. Y., Feb. 24, 1830.

She attended Castleton and Burlington (Vt.) seminaries, where she paid particular attention to the study of piano, drawing, and French, afterwards teaching French and music for three years in a girls' school in Maryland.

In 1855 she was married to Frank Wyatt, in Fair Haven, Vt., and their wedding journey was to a far western settlement on the prairies, which had been founded one year before, known as Grinnell, Ia.

The bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Herrick, also came to Grinnell a few months later, and these two families were identified with every interest and improvement of the small town during the years of its early history. For several years Mrs. Wyatt was the leading pianist and organist in the community, and she gave lessons to many of Grinnell's worthy musicians.

Very soon after her arrival in this place she became a member of the Congregational church and was its first organist, as well as one of the staunch workers in the Benevolent society, then the only organization of women in the church. She was called upon to teach in Grinnell College during its early years, but was unable to serve.

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When the Ladies' Cemetery association was organized in 1891 Mrs. Wyatt was elected vice president, serving in this office for some years and working faithfully in this movement for a better city.

She was a member of the Read and Reflect club. During later years Mrs. Wyatt lived a very retired life in her home on south Broad street. For four winters she spent three or four months with her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Wyatt Christian, in Des Moines, though she always called Grinnell her place of residence.

Less than a month ago she closed her house and went to Des Moines, expecting to spend the coming winter with Mrs. Christian, but a severe cold developed into pneumonia and after an illness of only four days' duration she quietly fell asleep Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26.

She had almost reached the age of four score and six years, and had been a citizen of this city for sixty years. Her husband died ten years ago. Mrs. Wyatt is survived by two daughters; Mrs. Anna W. Chapman of Dundee, Ill., and Mrs. Agnes W. Christian of Des Moines; also one sister and one brother, Mrs. E. A. Chamberlain of Grinnell and Mr. S. H. Herrick of Riverside, Cal. A niece and nephew, with their families, live in California. There are two grandchildren and one great-grandson living in Dundee, Ill.

Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Christian opened the Broad street home for their mother's funeral, which was held there Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The services were conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross, pastor of the Congregational church. Music was furnished by a quartet consisting of Miss Stella Bartlett, Miss Helen Thomson, Mr. Fred Morrison and Mr. George Walker, all representatives in a younger generation of old-time families of Grinnell.

The pallbearers were Mr. S. J. Pooley, Dr. J. R. Lewis, Dr. U. M. Hibbets, Mr. E. B. Brande, Mr. W. C. Rayburn, and Mr. A. McIntosh.