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MRS. JOHN WYLIE 6-4
3-23-1923
Funeral Sermon Was Preached By
Rev. E. W. Cross—Burial
At Gilman

Mrs. Ellen Surgeson Wylie, who passed away at Iowa Falls at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. O. Hocum, Wednesday, February 14, at 3:30 a. m., her birthday, was one of those gracious Christian characters who exemplify the difficult art of growing old beautifully. She was born in County Antrim, Ireland, February 14, 1847. There she grew to womanhood and on January 2, 1868, was married to John Wylie of the same community.

The husband and wife were both but twenty years of age when they fared forth from the land of their birth to seek their fortune in America, the land of promise. They brought with them keen wits, christian principles, the willingness and ability to work hard, and warm Irish hearts made for staunch friendship. America gave them a welcome and an opportunity, as it has given all such pilgrims.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie settled first in Scott county, but in 1877 moved to Jasper county, where they lived many years. Anxious that their children should have the best educational advantages, they later moved to the vicinity of Gilman, where their son, W. R. Wylie, and family now reside, and in 1898 moved to Grinnell. They had been married nearly fifty years when death came to Mr. Wylie, May 30, 1917. Since that event Mrs. Wylie had lived for short periods in Grinnell, but most of the time with one or another of her children.

She will be remembered as a woman of devout and loyal christian life who gladly took her part in the church wherever she lived. At the time of her death she was a member of the Congregational church in Grinnell. Her instinctive kindness endeared her to her neighbors and her acquaintances. She leaves to her children the precious memory of a mother whose clear sense of right, affection and self forgetful service to their needs filled their days of home with beautiful memories.

Mrs. Wylie leaves three sons, J. L. Wylie, R. of Gilman, J. R. of Colorado Springs, and one daughter, Mrs. M. O. Hocum of Iowa Falls, and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Wylie was brought to Gilman on Tuesday evening and taken to the home, from where the funeral was held at 2 o'clock Thursday, Rev. E. W. Cross of Grinnell officiating. Old friends gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to the departed one, and many were the beautiful floral offerings. Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were J. R. Wylie, Colorado Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wylie Sr., and Roy McCluskey, Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hollingsworth, Bangor. The Hocum family were unable to attend owing to the recent illness of Mrs. Hocum and the children.