

# Grandma Coutts Dead

Helen Anderson Gordon was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, December 23, 1820. She was married on December 11, 1845 to Adam Coutts and began house-keeping on a small farm in the parish of Inch Aberdeenshire where she continued to live until the spring of 1875, where their family consisting of five sons and four daughters were born.

In April, 1875, the family including the father, mother and the three youngest children decided to leave their native country and seek a home across the sea. As four of the older children had already secured a home in the west and had settled in Iowa, either the parents or their members of the family intended their stay. On April 12, 1875, they reached Malvern, this county, and traveled across the country to the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Souter (since deceased) in Pleasant township. Here a joyful meeting took place between the parents and daughter who had been separated for four and one-half years.

But there were some dark days

Long Beach, Calif.; and three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Beattie of Aberdeen, Scotland; Mrs. John Lee, of Burley, Idaho; and Mrs. Edward Lincoln of Grinnell. At so two brothers, Rev. S. J. Gordon of Kent, England, and Rev. John Gordon in Devonshire, England, and one sister, Mrs. J. Then, of Victoria, Australia.

Two of her children preceded her to the better land, John who died in infancy and Mrs. John Souter who died near Montezuma in 1875.

She was converted in early life and united with the Congregational church and remained a faithful member of that church until the time she left Scotland. After coming to this country she placed her church letter with the Methodist church of which she was a member at the time of her death. She was a great Bible student and during the time she has been absent nothing delighted her as much as a visit from her pastor.

To spend an hour in conversation with Grandma Coutts was a rare privilege. She had been a keen ob-

servationist meeting the daughter, for whom the parents had traversed miles of land and leagues of water to see, was called away to her eternal home and just two weeks later the father followed the daughter to "That undiscovered country, from whose bourn no traveler returns," and the subject of this sketch was left a widow and a stranger in a strange land. Although almost prostrated by the blow her faith in God arose triumphant over the dispensation of His Providence and she said, "I have my family to live for; and am going to do the best I can and trust in God, for He has said, 'My grace is sufficient for thee.'

After the town of Ewart was founded she moved into the second house that was built there in the spring of 1876, here she contrived to live until the spring of 1895 when she moved to Grinnell where she lived one year. In the spring of 1896 she moved out on a farm with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Lincoln where she has continued to make her home ever since and where she passed away on Thursday September 26, at the age of 97 years, 9 months and 3 days.

She has been confined to her room most of the time for the past three years. She leaves behind three sons, Alex G., of Salt Lake City, Utah; Robert G., of Grinnell; Willard P., of Wellington, Kansas, Mo., of

server of important events in the world's history, and blessed with a remarkable memory and a faith that was most sublime, she was familiar with all the paths that lead to the secret place of the Most High, where one can rest under the Shadow of the Almighty. She has played a noble part in the span of life. She was a living example of Ruth-erford's words: "I've wrestled on toward Heaven, against storm and wind and tide. Now like a weary traveleer, that leaneth on his guide, amidst the shades of evening, while sinks life's lingering sand, I hail the glory dawning of Iacobael's land."

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Lincoln home. Mrs. Coutts' two favorite hymns were sung by a quartet composed of Messrs. Arthur and Edward Lincoln, Jesse Lord and Clint Jones. The pall bearers were Ross V. Coates, James Lincoln, Arthur Lincoln, Edward Lincoln, Charles Lincoln and Jesse Lord.

We wish to return our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy during the last sickness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother, also for the beautiful floral offerings sent us at that time.

Edward Lincoln and Family.  
Robert G. Coutts and Family.

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Helen

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