

Mrs. ADAM COUTTS

## DEATH OF AN AGED LADY

9-27-1918  
Mrs. Helen Coutts Passes Away at  
Home of Her Daughter Thurs-  
day Forenoon.

### WAS OLDEST WOMAN IN POWESHIEK COUNTY

Was Born in Scotland Nearly Ninety-  
Eight Years Ago — Come  
Here in 1875.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coutts, seven of whom survive their mother, and are named below: Alexander G., of Salt Lake City; Robert G., of Grinnell; William P., of Kellogg, Iowa; James M. of Long Beach, California; Mrs. Elizabeth Beattie of Aberdeen, Scotland; Mrs. Mary Lincoln of Grinnell, and Mrs. Margaret L. Lee, of Burley, Idaho. She also leaves two brothers, Rev. S. C. Gordon, of Kent, England, and Rev. John Gordon, Devonshire, England; also one sister, Mrs. James Thom, of Victoria, Australia.

Mrs. Coutts was probably the oldest woman in Poweshiek county, having reached the great age of nearly 98 years. She was a member of the Congregational church until she came to this county, when she transferred her membership to the Methodist church. She was a devout Christian and a great Bible student. She had a wonderful memory, being able to quote chapter after chapter of the scriptures until her last illness.

The funeral was held from the Lincoln home today at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. J. M. Brown of the Grinnell Methodist church. The interment was in Ewart cemetery beside the remains of her husband.

The death of Mrs. Helen Coutts took place at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Lincoln, living five miles southwest of Grinnell, at 10:00 A. M. Thursday. Her death occurred from disease incident to her great age.

Helen Anderson-Gordon was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, December 23, 1820. She grew to womanhood in her native land and was married there December 11, 1845, to Adam Coutts, a native of the same county.

The family emigrated to America in 1875, and arrived in Poweshiek county April 12 of that year, locating on a farm near where Ewart now stands. Her husband died June 4, 1875, in less than eight weeks after their arrival in the county. The next year Mrs. Coutts moved into the second house built in Ewart, where she lived with her daughter, Mary, until 1895, when they removed to Grinnell and lived one year. In 1896 she moved with her daughter to a farm south of Grinnell near Oak Grove. They lived there for several years, and then moved to a farm west of Westfield where she died.

# Grandma Coutts Dead

Helen Anderson Gordon was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, December 23, 1829. She was married on December 11, 1845 to Adam Coutts and began housekeeping on a small farm in the parish of Inver 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 embarking 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, thither the parents and younger members of the family moved their lives. On April 12, 1875, they reached Malcom, this country, and traveled across the country to the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Spatter (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. T. Gordon of Kent, England, and Rev. John Gordon of Devonshire, England, and one sister, Mrs. J. Thorne, of Victoria, Australia.

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

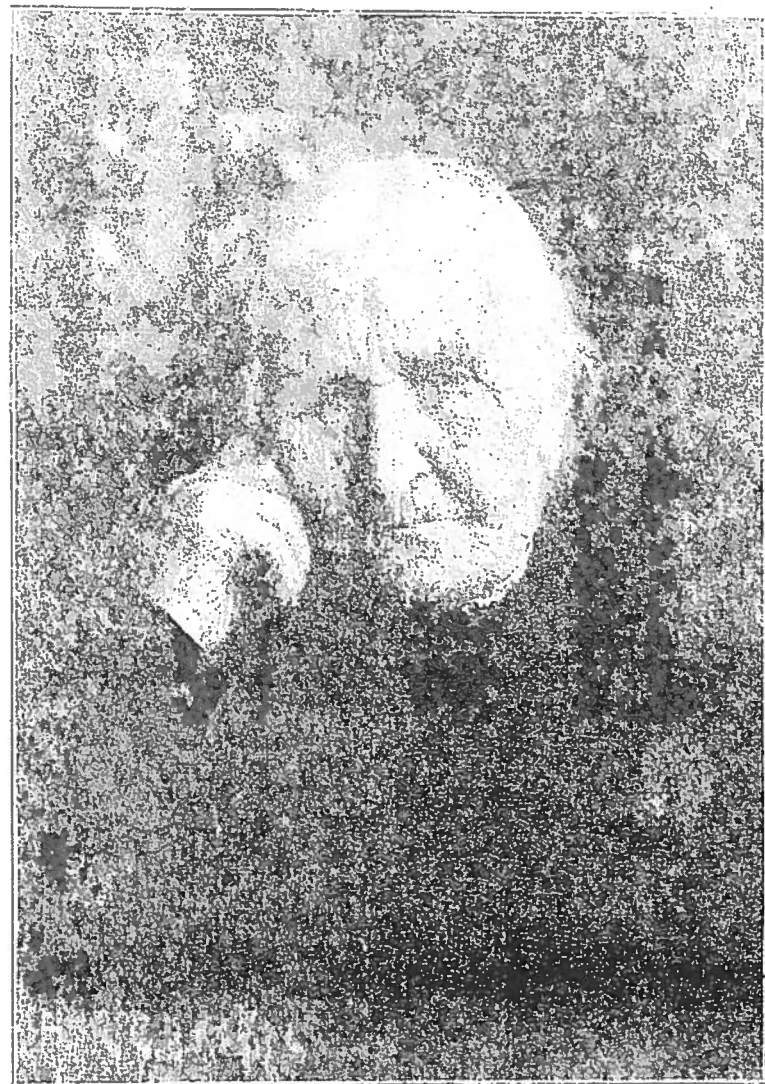
She was converted in early life and united with the Congregational church and remained a faithful member of that church until the time she left Scotland. After coming to this country she joined her church later with the Methodist church of which she was a member at the time of her death. She was a great Bible student and during the time she has been dead in 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 born ob-

servant of 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 bound 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 home that was built there in the spring of 1876. Here she continued to live until the spring of 1895 when she moved to Grinnell where she lived one year. In the spring of 1899 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 four sons, Alex. G. of Salt Lake City, Utah; Robert G. of Grinnell; William P. of Malcom; James M. 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 Lutherford's words: "I've wrestled on toward Heaven, against storm and wind and tide. Now like a weary traveler, that leaveth on his guide, amidst the shades of evening, while sinks life's lingering sand, I hail the glory dawning of Isaac'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. Coutts, 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.

Coutts, Helen

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