

OBITUARY.

7-9-1912

Mrs. Catherine B. Alley.

Catherine B. Gifford was born near Trenton, Ontario, Canada, June 27, 1828; died July 5th, 1912, at the age of 84 years and 8 days at the home of her son, W. H. Alley, 1216 West street, Grinnell, Iowa.

At the age of twenty years she was united in marriage to Jeremiah Alley. To this union were born ten children, eight boys and two girls. Six sons and one daughter survive her: Alex, Enos and George, of Huron, S. D., William, John and Electa, wife of Wm. Dale, of Grinnell, and Charles E., of Meridian, Miss. They were all at her bedside when she passed away. The three deceased children were Elias at the age of 17, at Albia, Iowa; Sadie, at the age of 18 months, Madison, Wis., and an infant at Tama, Iowa. Mrs. Alley is also survived by one sister, Isabel Waldron, Siloam Springs, Ark., whose state of health rendered it impossible for her to be present.

In 1856 Mr. and Mrs. Alley moved from Canada to Madison, Wis., where they lived for ten years. From this place they moved to Albia, Iowa, where they lost their oldest son. In 1867 they moved to Tama County where on the 27th day of April, 1879, occurred the death of Mr. Alley. In the following year Mrs. Alley was called upon to bury her father, Enos P. Gifford, who died at the age of 90 years, leaving her alone to face life's battle with the children.

In the spring of 1884, Mrs. Alley moved to Sheridan, Poweshiek County, and thence in 1890 she came to Grinnell, where she has made her home, with the exception of visits made to her sons' homes in South Dakota, and a stay of two years with her son, Charles, in Meridian, Miss.

Catherine Gifford united with the Methodist church in Canada in early childhood and has continued in her church relation loyally. Her family mourn an affectionate mother. She was interred in the cemetery near Sheridan Methodist church where her body will lie between those of her husband and father, in the midst of a neighborhood where she is still remembered as a most excellent neighbor and a true friend.

There were two funeral services, one at the house at 10 a. m., Sunday, and one at the Chester M. E. church at two. Rev. Elias Handy had charge of both services.