

9-26 OBITUARY, 1907

MRS. RACHEL STARR BARNES.

Rachel Meeker Starr was born at Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1819, and died at the home of her son, H. S. Barnes, west of town, Sept. 2, 1907. She was married to Francis Barnes at Clearfield, Ohio, June 16, 1837. To this union were born three children, Mrs. Anna Eliza Barnes Higbee of Des Moines, Ira J. Barnes of Alton, and Henry S. Barnes of this city. She has also, 14 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

Mrs. Barnes united with the Christian church at Iowa City in 1857 and held her membership in the church of this denomination at Des Moines. In the early days in Johnson county Mrs. Barnes and her family were prominent settlers and played an important part in the beginning of local institutions there.

She moved to Iowa in 1853 and to Grinnell in 1866 where she and all her large household have borne a name which was respected by all their neighbors. After a long life of Christian bravery, during which she met the trials and duties of life with a fortitude and courage born of Christian faith, she rests from her labors while her children and her children's children to the third and fourth generation, bear her name and life in loving memory.

Mrs. Barnes had been in fairly good health till a few weeks ago when she collapsed and for twenty days went without taking food until she quietly passed away Monday. Funeral services were held at the home of her son, H. S. Barnes, Wednesday, conducted by Prof. L. F. Parker and the remains were laid at rest in Hazelwood cemetery.

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