

Obituary Of 12-1933 Emma T. Benson

Emma Cordelia Tish Benson, daughter of Samuel R. and Catherine Tish, was born in Milwood, Knox county, Ohio, August 11, 1853. She departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Horace Ent, in Grinnell, Iowa, December 29, 1932, being 79 years, 4 months, 18 days old.

She came to this country by ox team and wagon when eleven years old with her parents and two brothers, locating in Poweshiek county, where she has lived the rest of her life with the exception of five years in Clark county, and the last ten years with her children.

May 7, 1871, she was married to Willis Clinton Benson. To this union were born 7 children, Lilly Ann, who died in infancy; Willis and Charles of Marshalltown; Mrs. Horace Ent of Grinnell; Mrs. Ida Kluger of Swea City; Mrs. Albert Myers of Fremont, and Mrs. R. C. Bartlett of Brighton.

She is one of eight children—Newton, Francis, Jasper, Samuel and Sarah Rivers passing on before her. The remaining brothers are Preston Tish of Montezuma, John Tish of Montezuma and Charles of Grinnell. These, with 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren and a host of friends, remain to mourn her loss.

She was a member of the Friends Church of Searsboro for many years.

"A dear one from us all has gone;

A voice we loved is stilled.

A place is vacant in our homes,

Which never can be filled."

The funeral was held at the Friends Church in Searsboro Saturday morning, December 31st, Rev. Wm. Welsh of the First Baptist Church of Grinnell officiating.