

An Obituary Of Mrs. Ella Brown

10-14-1933
Ella Jane Fryar, youngest daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Cowan) Fryar, was born in Owen county, Indiana, May 10, 1867, and died at her home six miles southwest of Grinnell, Oct. 14, 1933, aged 66 years, five months and four days.

Her parents dying when she was but six years old, she, in company with her older sister, Anna, were brought to Grinnell in 1874 by their Aunt Anna, wife of William S. Leisure. Into this home they were received and treated with the love and sympathy bestowed upon the daughters of that home.

On Oct. 5, 1899, she was married to Walter E. Brown and to this union was born one daughter, LaRitta May, who after ten years of illness, passed away Aug. 13, 1928, at the age of 26 years.

Her husband preceded her in death March 14, 1933, just seven short months ago.

As a girl and young woman she was well schooled in the principles of a Christian home and was a diligent worker in the Congregational church at Grinnell.

After her marriage to Mr. Brown she joined with the Community church at Westfield and her friends and neighbors can best say what praise is due her for her labors.

She is survived by two brothers, Robert A. Fryar of Ashtabula, Ohio and Sherman R. of Poland, Ind., four nephews and nieces and a number of cousins, and many friends.

Thus has passed out of the Westfield neighborhood in a little over five years a family who will be greatly missed, who added their contribution to the community life, each one in their own way, Walter and Ella in their kindly and neighborly interest, and LaRitta with her sweet voice and loving ways. They rest together in Hazelwood.

Rev. Robert Lincoln conducted this service at the Westfield church as he had the services for the others, taking his text each time from the twelfth chapter of St. John. The same singers also sang at each service, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lord and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Howell.

The pall bearers, cousins of the family, also had performed the same service for the others and were: Fred, Ed, Frank and Harry Brown, George and Frank Pearce.

Out of town relatives at the funeral were Mr. Clark Fryar, son and daughter of Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fryar and granddaughter of Indiana.