

Mrs. John G. Brown Passes Away In Calif.

(By a Staff Correspondent)

Kellogg, Ia., Feb. 14, Spécial:

Charles T. Powers received word last week of the death of his sister, Mrs. John G. Brown which occurred at her home at 1059 Pacific Ave., Long Beach, Calif., Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Brown, who was formerly a Jasper county resident, was past 80 years of age and had been seriously ill for the past three months with dropsy. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the remains were placed in Sunnyside mausoleum.

Maria B. Powers, daughter of John and Laura Powers, was born near Hammondsport in Steuben county, N. Y., May 16, 1852. The family moved to Illinois when she was about two years old and resided there until 1865, when they came to Iowa, locating at Grinnell. After a few months there they moved to a farm 2½ miles east of Kellogg in Rock Creek township which is now owned by Clarence E. Powers. She received her early education in the rural schools of Illinois and Jasper county and at the same time devoted a great deal of her time to the study of instrumental music.

She was numbered among the rural teachers of Jasper county and conducted a class in piano during the summer vacations.

She was united in marriage to John G. Brown of Grinnell at the family home in Rock Creek township Sept. 7, 1876. After their marriage they made their home south of Grinnell in the Westfield community for a time, then lived near her old home in Jasper county for a period of years, returning again to a farm south of Grinnell where they made their home until moving to Grinnell. They left Grinnell in 1912 for Pasadena, Calif. and have resided there and in Long Beach since that time.

Mrs. Brown was baptized in infancy in the Episcopal church of Hammondsport and was confirmed in the Episcopal church in Newton. During her residence in Grinnell she united with the Congregational church, and was an active religious worker as long as her health would permit.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had no children of their own but were always thoughtful of the orphan and kept several children in their home at different times. One boy, now William Brown of Walla Walla, Wash., although never legally adopted, made his home with them from early childhood and was always treated as their own. She had been in delicate health for a number of years but bore her ills with patience and fortitude and was especially cheerful in her last illness, being ready and anxious to go to her Heavenly Father and the home prepared for those that love the Lord.

Surviving relatives include her husband, John G. Brown of Long Beach; one brother, Charles T. Powers of Kellogg; one niece, Miss Inez Powers of Kellogg; and seven nephews, J. R. and C. E. Powers