

Mrs. Mary Ellen Brown Answers The Last Call

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Mary Ellen Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Farmer, was born at Forest Home, Ia., Dec. 16, 1854, and departed from this life July 18, 1934, at the home of her son Leslie Brown, in Grinnell, aged 79 years, 7 months and 2 days.

There were three brothers and two sisters, none of whom are living.

Her mother died when she was a child, so there were many hardships in those early pioneer days.

She grew to womanhood near Forest Home, was married to John Brown at Mound City, Kansas, nearly fifty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown lived at Mapleton, Kansas, thirty years, then moved to Searsboro, where they lived several years.

Mr. Brown died in Albia, April 5, 1926.

Mrs. Brown had made her home with her son, Leslie Brown, the last seven years.

She joined the Methodist church in Kansas and affiliated with that church in Searsboro, had not been able to attend church much in Grinnell.

She had been nearly blind for five years. Her health and eyesight were so poor that she had not been away from home much for a year.

Mrs. Brown had suffered from asthma and pneumonia, then fell and injured her ribs, had hemorrhages of the heart at the last. She slipped away rather suddenly, soon after two o'clock July 18.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. C. R. Cooper, of Kansas City, and three sons, Earl, Hubert and Leslie of Grinnell, also by 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brown loved to visit, was friendly and interested in what was going on in the world. She appreciated the visits of her friends, many of whom visited her during her last illness.

She said that she was ready and willing to go. She felt that she had outlived her time of service, and longed to be at rest.

The funeral services were conducted in the Searsboro M. E. church, after brief services in the home, Friday, July 20, at 10 o'clock.

A quartet of girls, consisting of Anna Mae Schooley, Jane Huff, Alma Sharp and Edna Rayle, accompanied by Mrs. R. K. Storey, sang.

The pallbearers were Frank Binger, Richard Rivers, Edward Douglas, Peter Creamer, Wm. Philibur and James Waters. The body was laid to rest in Searsboro cemetery.