

Susan Frances Burroughs Passes

Susan Frances Burroughs, daughter of Seth and Roxie Ann Buffington, was born at Aurora, Dearborn county, Indiana, July 21, 1848, and passed away at her home in Newburg, Iowa, Saturday, Dec. 10, 1932, at the age of 84 years, 4 months and 29 days.

In 1868 the family moved from Indiana, travelling in a covered wagon, and settled on a farm about three miles west of the present town of Newburg. The first night after their arrival was spent in a small frame shack that was without a roof. Those were pioneer days when the country was raw and new, when neighbors were few, and the conditions of life were hard and elemental. Oxen were still in use on the farms, log houses were not uncommon, schools were extremely elementary and churches were scarce. Although conditions on the farm in that distant day were plain, and barren of comforts and conveniences, they developed rugged, wholesome, worthy lives, and the young woman and the others of the family quickly adapted themselves to the new conditions, and became an important part of the developing life about them.

On Feb. 24, 1875, she was married to J. L. Burroughs. The wedding took place on the farm southwest of Newburg where Emory Brown now lives, and which was then the home of the bride's parents. Immediately following their marriage the young couple moved onto what has since been known as the Rock Creek farm. Here all the children were born and grew up. They are Mrs. Lillie Stoaks, who passed away Nov. 7, 1930, her twin brother, Edwin C. Burroughs of Newburg, Mrs. Jessie Murphy of Coggan, Iowa, Richard M. Burroughs and Mrs. Nellie Newcomer, both of Newburg.

In 1892 the family moved from the Rock Creek farm to the one near Newburg where they resided until after the death of Mr. Burroughs which occurred April 13, 1909. The following year Mrs. Burroughs and Edwin moved to the present home in Newburg.

While yet young, she united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and was for many years a devoted member of the M. E. church southwest of town. After coming to Newburg she transferred her mem-

bership to the Congregational church. Until the growing weakness of age rendered it impossible, she attended the services of the church regularly, and always manifested a keen interest in all its activities.

Mrs. Burroughs had an unusual capacity for friendship. She never seemed happier than when she had friends calling on her, or when she could call at their homes. Hers was a plain, simple life, but one that radiated a wholesome, kindly influence, and one that was characterized by the industry and frugality that marked the hardy pioneer.

Besides the relatives already mentioned there are, deploring her loss, fifteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and a host of people proud of the privilege of calling her friend.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. W. B. Wilson, were held at the Congregational church in Newburg Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. The pallbearers were Geo. Lane, Jr., Lloyd Stoaks, George Palmer, Oliver Mulford, George Murphy and Carl Newcomer. Geo. and Thomas Mason sang three beautiful old hymns that were in common use when Grandmother Burroughs was in her prime and attended church in the country. The body was interred in the fam-

ily lot in the Hickory Grove cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

In this public way we wish to express our deep appreciation of the kindness and sympathy shown, and the generous help given by our friends during the declining days and the passing of our mother.

Mrs. Jessie Murphy
Mrs. Nellie Newcomer
R. M. Burroughs
Edwin C. Burroughs