

OBITUARY.
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Mary A. Burch was born in Easton, New York, March 18, 1821. She was one of a family of eleven children. On March 18, 1846, she was married to J. G. G. Cavendish. In 1855 they came to Iowa, settling near Davenport. Mr. Cavendish entered the Union army and at the time of his mustering out had been promoted to a second lieutenant.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cavendish, all of whom have passed on before her into the Spirit World. Mr. Cavendish died suddenly in 1893, being then in charge of the Methodist Episcopal church at Delta, Iowa, as supply pastor.

After this Mrs. Cavendish made her home with her only granddaughter with whom she has since resided, Mrs. Arthur Pitman. She leaves to mourn her loss five grandchildren. The four grandsons are scattered in various states. She also leaves two brothers, James and Martin Burch, both of Dayton. Also eight great-great-grandchildren and many relatives and close friends.

Mrs. Cavendish united with the M. E. church in girlhood and has lived a most exemplary, consistent and beautiful christian life. Before and during her long illness she has exemplified the christian graces of Faith, Hope, Love, and Patience. To know Mother Cavendish was to like her, to know her well was to love her. In simple faith and trust she lived and still she lives—her life hidden with Christ in God. She died April 7, 1909, aged 85 years and 20 days.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. Arthur Pitman, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Elias Handy, assisted by Dr. T. B. Hughes. Interment was made at Malcom.