

9-4 OBITUARY. 1906
MRS. SARAH A. CESSNA.

Sarah A. Koerner was born in Rainsburg, Pa., on October 17, 1827, and died Saturday evening Sept. 1st at half past ten of cancer trouble after a lingering illness.

She was married at the place of her birth to Thomas R. Cessna on April 29, 1848 and to them were born five daughters and two sons. After fifty-eight years of married life this is the first death to occur in the immediate family and her husband, seven children, seventeen grand-children and two great grand-children survive her.

In 1858 Mr. and Mrs. Cessna removed to Scott county in this state where they lived on a farm until 1886 when they came to Grinnell and have since made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Burnside.

In her girlhood Mrs. Cessna was a member of the Lutheran church but after coming to Iowa she joined the Methodist church of which she has been a consistent and faithful member ever since, taking an active part so long as health permitted.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. M. McClelland, assisted by Prof. L. F. Parker, at the Methodist church yesterday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in Hazelwood cemetery. Five of the children were present at the funeral, Mrs. W. Robinson of Wellman and Mrs. J. E. Van Evera, Mrs. S. Burnside, N. W. Cessna and J. T. Cessna of this city. C. W. Campbell of Newton was also present at the services.

Mrs. Cessna leaves a blessed memory of a life of devotion for her children. She was an ideal of Christian motherhood and virtue and the love and respect of all who knew her fine qualities is a testimony to the beauty and purity of her life.