

6-13 MRS. SAMUEL CURTIS 1921

Rhoda Marie Blanchard was born in Tioga county, state of Pennsylvania, Sept. 14, 1857, and departed this life May 9, 1921, aged 63 years, seven months and 25 days.

On June 11, 1871, she was united in marriage to Mr. Samuel C. Curtis. Four children were born to this union, all of whom survive her.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Curtis went to Indiana for a time and came to Grinnell in 1881. Since that time this has been their home.

Mrs. Curtis was quiet and unassuming, a kind neighbor and friend. For months she has been afflicted but has borne her affliction very patiently. The end came peacefully last Monday morning.

She leaves her husband and four children: John W., Sarah E. La-Grange, Nora G. Jones and Myrtle C. Noble all of Grinnell.

Thirteen grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends are left. Many years ago she was united with the Baptist church; being baptized in that faith and has for many years been a conscientious God-fearing woman.

During the many years of her husband's illness when her four children were small, she made a victorious struggle, such as only a true wife and mother can make to keep her little flock together. She was all that could be said of a true mother, never tiring of helping her family, many times far beyond her strength.

"Thus shall we pass from this earth and its toiling,

Only remembered by what we have done."