

# MRS. SAM'L DECATUR CALLED BY DEATH

Passed Away Wednesday at Family  
Home West of Grinnell.

11-19-1926  
WAS A PIONEER WOMAN  
OF ROCK CREEK TOWNSHIP

Funeral Services Were Conducted  
From the Home This  
Afternoon.

Mrs. Samuel Decatur, one of the oldest and finest women of Rock Creek Township passed away early Wednesday morning at the old family home two and one half miles west of town. Mrs. Decatur has been an invalid for the past eight years and has made her home with her children. On Nov. 5, she went to the home of her son, Lawrence, which is the old Decatur homestead, where she was to remain for the winter months. Just a week after her arrival, she was stricken with paralysis and remained unconscious until her death Wednesday morning.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at two o'clock from the home by Rev. H. C. Rice. Bearers were her five sons, Clarence, George, Herbert, Lawrence, William, and one grandson, Wilbert Tesser.

Orilla Clapp was born in Walworth County, Wisconsin, July 12, 1849, and passed away Wednesday morning at 12:30 o'clock in the old Decatur home at the age of 77 years, 4 months and 5 days. She was the daughter of Alvin and Martha Clapp, who were old settlers of Walworth County, Wisconsin, having gone there from New England when Wisconsin was a territory. Early in life she united with the Baptist church of her Wisconsin home. In 1876, she was united in marriage to Samuel Decatur who was many years a prominent and respected citizen of Rock Creek Township. Immediately

following her marriage, she came to Iowa with her husband and located on a farm west of town which is now owned by Olen Parmley. It was she who planted the maples which border the west side of the Parmley lawn. In 1881, they returned to Wisconsin, where they lived for two years. They then returned to Iowa and located on the farm which has been known since as the Decatur farm. They were among the first settlers of Rock Creek Township.

Several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Decatur left the farm under the management of their two sons, George and Lawrence, and resided in Grinnell until Mr. Decatur's death in January, 1924. Since that time Mrs. Decatur has made her home with her children. It was only a little over a week ago that she returned to the old homestead to spend the winter months.

Mrs. Decatur has been an invalid for the past eight years. She was the victim of paralysis in January, 1919, and since that time has patiently and bravely endured her affliction. Last Friday she was the victim of a second stroke and remained in an unconscious condition until her release by death, Wednesday morning at 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Decatur was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are still living: Clarence, George, Mrs. Will Tesser, Herbert, Mrs. Arthur Durr, Lawrence, and William. One child, Althea, died in infancy. Besides the family she leaves one sister, Maida of Walworth County, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Decatur was a much loved woman during the days of her strength and activity, and though death came as a welcome release to long suffering, there are many who regret her passing.