

Mrs. James E. Dee¹⁹³¹ Of Sheridan Passes

Sheridan, Ia., March 20, Special:

Mary A. McElvania was born in Belfast, Ireland May 1st 1845 of English and Scotch-Irish parentage and passed away at her old home March 13th 1931 at the age of 85 years, 10 months and 13 days.

She came to the United States with her father at the age of nine years, her mother having passed away three years previously.

The family settled in Bureau County, Ill. where she was educated in the Public Schools and grew to womanhood.

She was united in marriage to James E. Dee June 26, 1867, at Princeton, Ill., where they resided until February, 1880, when they moved to Sheridan, Poweshiek county, Iowa where she has since resided.

James E. Dee passed away February 28th, 1926, and since that time Mrs. Dee has made her home with her two daughters, Mrs. Charles Wolcott and Mrs. Walter Hays.

To this union four children were born: Lottie M. Wolcott and Fannie E. Hays of Sheridan and Harry W. Dee of Huron, South Dakota, who survive her, and Bessie who died in infancy. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, also nieces and nephews.

She united with the West Bureau Baptist church near Princeton, Ill., in 1874 and after moving to Iowa transferred her membership to the Methodist church of Sheridan where she took an active part in all that pertained to the work of the church and the good of the entire community.

She possessed an outstanding Christian character and loved the higher and better things of life. She had a wonderful influence upon her children and all with whom she came in contact and no task or sacrifice was too great for her to undertake for her loved ones or her neighbors.