

OBITUARY.

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Miss A. Marcella Ensminger.

Miss A. Marcella Ensminger was born in Union City, Ohio, March 14, 1857, and died at Grinnell, Iowa, May 2, 1913.

In November, 1861, she with her parents came to Iowa and in 1875 to Grinnell. She spent four years teaching in Colorado and returned to Iowa in 1893. In 1898 she with her parents and one sister decided to make Toledo, Iowa, their home. Her life has been spent principally in Tama county.

It was as a teacher that Miss Ensminger was best known, for during a period of thirty-eight years only five were spent along other lines. For two and one-half years she was a student at Iowa College, and for about the same length of time she gave up her school duties to care for her father. As a teacher, she was unusually successful, preferring the primary grades. She made many warm friends among her pupils and patrons.

On Thanksgiving Day she left the hospital at Des Moines and came to the home of her sister, Mrs. M. C. Parish, for an extended period in which she hoped to regain her health. But at the Christmas holidays she resigned her position as primary teacher at Montour, Iowa, as her health continued to gradually fail. Medical skill and tender nursing could not avail and her fruitful life came to an untimely end.

Funeral services were held at Grinnell on Sunday morning, May 4, by Rev. Brown. Interment was made at Helena, Iowa, on the same day, services being conducted at the cemetery by Rev. O. O. Inman of the United Brethren church, Toledo, Iowa, of which church she was a member. Those who knew her best pay tribute to a life of usefulness.

In her long period of illness and suffering, her cheerful disposition sought to lighten, not only her own burden but that of those who were caring for her. Her life was well spent and her influence for good will long be felt in the lives of those who knew her.