

OBITUARY.

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Mrs. Catherine Faircloth.

Mrs. S. B. Faircloth, early-named Catherine Prosser, died last Friday, the 5th inst., at her home west of town. She was born in Morgan county, Illinois, and named Catherine Prosser. She belonged to a sturdy race of pioneers in this county, none more so than the Jenkins and Prossers, and by one branch of her family, she was connected with the Jamestown settlers in Virginia. Her birth-year was that in which this county was opened to the occupancy of the whites, and she came here in 1848 the year in which the county was organized. Her marriage to Mr. S. B. Faircloth was in 1864, that desperate year of the civil war.

Few now live whose lives have been so identified with the history of the county, and whose best work has been so devoted to her family consisting of her husband and nine children. Here was the usual lot of the pioneer wife and mother, through many years in Washington township. Through the later period, while in Grinnell, cancer on the face foretold years of suffering, but when pneumonia set in, promising a speedier end, she may have rejoiced that the close was only a week away.

She was permitted to live sixty-seven years, to render eminent service to husband and children, and to cherish a hope of a better, brighter life hereafter as she was a member of the Methodist church. Those who survive her will remember her gracious, loving words, her helpful advice.

She was buried in Westfield cemetery last Sunday, near which she had lived so long. Prof. Parker officiated.