

GARDNER, Mrs. C. L., d. Feb.  
6, 1909, Adela W. Sturdivant, b.  
Cumberland, Me., May 12, 1828. m.  
1862, C. L. Gardner at Freeport,  
Me. Came to Iowa and settled in  
Jasper Co. until after the war and  
in 1882 moved to Grinnell. Leaves  
her husband and 7 children. Ob.

Garing, John, b. Germany 1838.  
Served in the Civil war, m. Mary  
M. Johnson. Chil.: Viola G., Clara  
C., Edward L. and John H.

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Mrs. C. L. Gardner.

A story of more than ordinary interest is contained in the record of the life of Mrs. C. L. Gardner, who died at her home here Friday evening, Feb. 6. Adila W. Sturdivant was born in Cumberland, Me., May 12, 1838 where she resided until 1862. In this month she was married to C. L. Gardner at Freeport Maine. Like Abraham and his family of old, this couple journeyed westward, little realizing what strange and trying experiences they would encounter.

They came to Iowa and took up their residence in Richland township, Jasper county in the same year. When the war of the rebellion flamed up Mr. Gardner heard his nation's call to arms while his young bride returned home to await the issue of the awful struggle which involved the fortunes of the family and the country.

In 1882 they moved to Grinnell where they have since resided. During these years Mrs. Gardner has been a faithful and valued member of the Methodist church, a true helpmeet to her husband, a tender and wise mother to her children and a loving friend to her neighbors.

Her husband and seven children survive her and bless her memory. They are J. E. Gardner, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. J. D. Shearer, Devil's Lake, N. D., Mrs. C. D. Stafford, Grinnell, Miss. Gertrude Gardner, Shoshoni, Wyoming, Mrs. F. C. Kendall, Coronado, California, Wm. Gardner, Grinnell and Mrs. C. E. Franklin, Muscatine, Iowa.

For the past five years Mrs. Gardner's health has been very poor and the past year has been one of great weakness with her. She passed to the Eternal Home after a life well spent as one who falls asleep, peacefully and sweetly.

The funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday by the Rev. Elias Handy and the remains were interred at Hazelwood.