

MRS. GORDON LIVED SERVICEABLE LIFE

9-2-24

Mother of Mrs. U. M. Hibbets Passed
Away Friday Afternoon at Ad-
vanced Age.

WAS MATRON OF COUNTY
HOME FOR 17 YEARS.

Funeral Services Were Held in Monte-
zuma Sunday Afternoon at Two
O'Clock.

Margaret Cook was born in Aber-
deenshire, Scotland, January 24, 1831,
and died at the home of her daughter,
Mrs. U. M. Hibbets, August, 29th, 1924.

The first twenty years of her life
was spent in the land of her birth
and it was there that she received her
education in the Parish schools of her
native land. In 1851 at the age of
twenty years she with her mother
came to this country making the trip
in a sailing vessel taking five weeks
for the trip which was an exceedingly
stormy one. She and her mother
settled in Ohio where she met David
Gordon to whom she was married
January 9th, 1858, and very soon
thereafter they moved to Poweshiek
County where they became one of
the staunch pioneers of Iowa. Monte-
zuma has claimed her as her home
for sixty-six years, although for the
last twenty-one years a part of that
time has been spent in Grinnell with
her daughter.

Children born to this union were,
David Gordon, Mrs. F. B. Sanders,
Alex. Gordon, Maggie Gordon, and
Mrs. U. M. Hibbets of Grinnell, Iowa.
She was preceded in death by her
husband, David Gordon, twenty years
ago last June, by Maggie Gordon who
died in infancy, and by Mrs. F. B.
Sanders eight years ago. The others
survive her together with thirteen
grandchildren and twenty-one great
grandchildren.

Mother Gordon united with the
Presbyterian church in early life in

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Scotland, and her early life and train-
ing in Faith was reflected in noble
work done throughout the ninety-
three years she was permitted to live.
Her Bible was to her the book of law,
God's word. Its admonitions were
heeded and believed in, and to her
was a great source of comfort in the
late years when she could do little
but read and ponder over its wonder-
ful words, words that to her meant
life.

For seventeen years she served as
Matron of the county home at Monte-
zuma, and many an unfortunate was
cared for as tenderly as her own child
would be. Here she gave her
body as a "Living Sacrifice" to the
less fortunate of the community, and
as a result of this service her strength
gave away and the last twenty-one
years was spent in an invalid chair.

Mother Gordon was a life member
of Vashti Lodge of the Rebekah's at
Montezuma, and as long as she was
able she took an active part in its
work.

Mother Gordon's life was a life of
service to others and when the time
came when others had to care for
her, she never overlooked expressions
of gratitude and appreciation for
kindness shown her.

Funeral services were held at the
home of her son, A. W. Gordon at
Montezuma, Iowa, on Sunday after-
noon at two o'clock in the presence
of her family and a host of friends.
The floral tributes from friends and
loved ones were bounteous and beau-
tiful. Rev. W. F. Vanderlip of the
Presbyterian church conducted the
service. A quartett composed of Mrs.
Jas. McDonald, Mrs. Clarence Shear-
er, John Platt and C. E. Moffat sang
her favorite hymns.