

# Mrs. D. F. Hays Passes Away

5-29-1931

Pioneer Resident of Chester Township Reaches the Close of Long and Useful Life

FUNERAL SERVICES ARE THIS  
FRIDAY AT 2:30 O'CLOCK

Mrs. Hays Would Have Been 95 Years  
Old If She Had Lived Until  
October 3

Mrs. Susan Barbara Weller Hays, widow of Daniel F. Hays and one of the real pioneers of Poweshiek county, passed away at 4:40 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home, 1717 Sixth avenue, after a protracted period of failing health. Funeral services are this Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the house, conducted by Rev. A. B. Cadwell, with interment in Hazelwood cemetery. Pall bearers are Russell George, J. B. Sangster, Howard Dimit, Floyd Hatcher, Raymond Norris and H. H. Armstrong.

Mrs. Hays would have been 95 years old October 3, next. She was born in Frederick county, Maryland. She and Mr. Hays located in Chester township in the very early days and for many years were among the good people who made Chester one of the outstanding communities of Iowa. Mr. Hays preceded her in death Nov. 6, 1930.

Mr. D. F. Hays came to Grinnell in 1856 and in 1858 he became a resident of Chester. Mr. Hays and Susan Weller were married Dec. 12, 1867, at Mechanicstown, Maryland, and lived together almost sixty-three years.

The story of this fine family is a story of the settling and development of Chester township. Mrs. Hays was a partner of her husband in every good work which he accomplished and their Christian and patriotic service was ideal. Both were active in the Methodist church and Mrs. Hays made a home from which went forth many earnest, Christian young men and women.

Their lives were among the notable ones and as the years went by it was an interesting fact that both should live together so many years and each finally pass away at a rare old age within a few months of each other.

The life of one was the life of the other and in their deaths they were hardly divided. They lived together many years in perfect joy. They worshiped at the same altar and lived noble and active Christian lives together.

They are the type of people who made glorious the history of Chester township and in the death of Mrs. Hays, as in that of her husband, is ended a glorious Christian life of service to this community.

(DANIEL)

d May 27, 1931