

Death Summons

4-6-1928

Pioneer Woman

Harriet M. James, the daughter of John and Bethana Long, was born in Surrey County, North Carolina, on March 29th, 1847, and died after a short illness, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Addie Lorenzen, in Montezuma, Iowa, on Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock, aged 81 years and four days.

The family came to Iowa in covered wagons when she was but a child of four years, settling in Union Township, where her father acquired a large acreage.

On December 25th, 1866, she was happily married to John Thomas James, who passed away in 1874, after but eight years of married life, leaving her with three small daughters, one of whom died in 1882. The two surviving are Mrs. Addie Lorenzen of Montezuma, and Mrs. Margaret McCormick of Ewart.

Mrs. James lived west of town for a good many years, coming to Montezuma in 1906, and has made her home here continuously, since that time.

She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ewart, under the pastorate of the Reverend Mr. Hantley. She was a devoted Christian and a faithful attendant upon Church and prayer meeting until the last few years, when failing health confined her to her home. But absence from God's house did not chill her ardor, for she still held her faith in God to be her most precious possession. Every morning she read her Bible and sought strength in prayer. At the time of her death, she was going through her New Testament for the ninth time.

On account of her companion's early death, the entire care of her family fell upon her shoulders. With determination and courage she put aside her sorrow and throughout the long years, has carried on as a faithful and true mother. This is the first time that she and her daughter, Addie, have ever been separated.

Besides the two daughters, a nephew and a niece, she leaves a brother, Miles A. Long, of Pretty Prairie, near Hutchinson, Kansas and a sister, Mrs. James Moody, of Ringwood, Oklahoma, as well as other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Montezuma on Thursday afternoon, conducted by A. H. Barker. Interment was made in the Little Mount Cemetery, west of town, beside her companion. —Montezuma Republican.

Mrs. John Thomas