

# MRS. KINGDON FUNERAL RITES HELD TODAY

Came To United States

From England

In 1851.

1930.

Feb. 21.

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She came to the United States in 1851 and was married to William H. Kingdon at Stafford, New York, March 6, 1856. To this union six children were born, two dying in infancy. With her husband and four children she came to Grinnell, Iowa in 1871 where her husband and three children, Charles Kingdon, Caroline F. Bahrenfuse and Harriet L. Goodrich have preceded her in death. She leaves one son F. S. Kingdon, eight grand children, twenty-two great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

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Mrs. Kingdon has enjoyed reading and was much interested in the growth and development of the country as well as the principal topics of the day. Since woman suffrage she has been eager to cast her vote at every election.

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Funeral services were held at the home of her son F. S. Kingdon this afternoon at 2:30 conducted by Rev. W. W. Bolt. Two songs were sung by Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer and Mrs. R. T. Bouma. The pall bearers were grandsons: Frank H. Bahrenfuse; Wm. E. Chedester; Adelbert Worden; Joe Rollins; Brainard Chedester; Gueron Chedester. Interment was made in Hazelwood.

## Grinnell's Centenarian Enjoys Birthday Today

Many Old Time Friends Extend Their Hearty  
Congratulations.

Mrs. Susan Law Kingdon is observing today in a quiet manner at the home of her son, Mr. F. S. Kingdon at 1008 High Street, the 100th milestone in a life of service and worthwhile living. Many cards and telegrams have been received from various points all over the land to commemorate the occasion and a large number of old time friends have either called on her or sent greetings. Among others who called were her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hunter and two children and Mr. J. C. Goodrich of Austin, Minn.

For almost sixty years, Mrs. Kingdon has been a resident of this community. She came to Malcom with



Mrs. Susan Kingdon  
(Picture Taken About Six Years ago  
at the age of 94).

her husband W. H. Kingdon. In 1871 and all the remaining years were spent near Malcom or Grinnell. She was born at Peckham, England, near London on July 2, 1829, and came to the United States on a sail vessel in 1851. They had an eventful trip, leaving England on May 4 and reaching New York on July 4. Off Long Island several miles they had a wreck and were delayed several days because of a very heavy mist. The vessel, which was one of the best in those days, was very poorly equipped. There were no private staterooms and the berths were in tiers. Mrs. Kingdon crossed the water to visit her brother, Samuel Law, who later was an esteemed resident of Grinnell for several years. It was while on this visit that she met

Mr. Kingdon and a friendship grew up which developed into the romance which later resulted in their marriage.

Mrs. Kingdon returned to England in 1855 to buy her trousseau, returning to the United States the same year, to be united in marriage to Mr. Kingdon. The wedding took place March 6, 1855 in New York at the home of Mrs. Kingdon's brother.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kingdon, two of them dying in infancy at their New York home. The other four, Charles H., Mrs. Caroline Bahrenfuss, Fred S. Kingdon and Mrs. Harriet Goodrich were all known in Grinnell. After the death of her husband, she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Goodrich, but since Mrs. Goodrich's death last summer, she has been at the home of her only remaining child, F. S. Kingdon.

Mrs. Kingdon is rich in relatives. She has three great great grandchildren born during her 100th year, Max Chedester of Malcom, Lorene Foster and Floyd Hunter, both of Grinnell. Her descendants number eight grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Kingdon has enjoyed unusually fine health all her life. Until the past year she has done beautiful embroidery work and neatly every member of the family to the tiniest lot had some piece of her handiwork which will long be held as keepsakes by the family. Among the most beautiful pieces are nine embroidered quilts. She has always been interested in politics and the growth and development of the country. Since woman suffrage she has cast her vote at every election.

Her husband, William Henry Kingdon, who was for many years a shoemaker in this city, passed away August 6, 1894.

Among other things that have made the day most enjoyable to Mrs. Kingdon were the birthday greetings broadcast to her this morning from W. J. Dye, Myron, and Frank Spang. One hundred messages which were received today before noon also were much appreciated and enjoyed by Mrs. Kingdon. A lovely gift from Vice Consul Willis Meyers of Mexico who is visiting in the city was another pleasant reminder of the day.

Mrs. Kingdon's picture was taken this morning with her birthday cake bearing 100 candles. Her picture was also taken with the five great great grandchildren, to whom she presented afterward choice pieces of her embroidery work completed in recent months.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1930.

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