

## Obituary Of <sup>1-22-1932</sup> Mrs. Martha Little <sup>(James)</sup>

Martha Helen Griffith, fourth daughter of John and Emily Griffith, was born Jan. 31, 1850, at New Jasper, Ohio, and departed this life at the home of her son, Benjamin F. Little, in Ottumwa, Iowa, Jan. 15, 1932, at 11:45 a. m., aged 81 years, 11 months, 16 days.

She had gone to the home of her son about ten days previous, that he might care for her. She had been in failing health for two or three years, but had suffered several bruises from a fall last September from which she had not entirely recovered. She also suffered from very high blood pressure which increased toward the end. She was thought to have suffered a stroke and partial paralysis on Tuesday and pneumonia developed before her death.

The subject of this sketch with other members of the family came to Iowa in March, 1853, crossing the Mississippi river at Burlington the first day of March on the ice. The family located on a farm until the Civil war when the mother, now a widow, moved to Montezuma with her three daughters, the two older sons enlisted in the service of their country, which the youngest son did later on.

Miss Griffith came to Grinnell in 1865, was employed for some time in the Charles Hobart home and later in the L. F. Parker home. She was united in marriage at Montezuma on Nov. 30, 1871, to James K. Little. To this union were born two sons and two daughters, the oldest daughter, Mary Ina, died when seven years of age. The father, Jas. K., died in July, 1920.

Mrs. Little united with the M. E. church when about 13 years of age, holding steadfast to the faith until the end. She was a regular attendant at Sunday school and other church activities until lately when her hearing became so impaired she was not able to enjoy such services.

She has been a resident of Poweshiek county since coming to Iowa in 1956, and in or near Grinnell since her marriage, and the last of a family of eight children.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter: B. F. Little of Ottumwa; Mrs. Myrtle Deck of Chicago, Ill.; J. W. Little of Iron Mountain, Mich.; by nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren, besides other relatives and a host of friends and acquaintances.

Funeral services were held from the M. E. church Tuesday at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. B. Cadwell, who plainly pointed out the need of a life that leads to higher planes of real Christianity. Some of the favorite songs of the deceased were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Floy Dempster and Mrs. Cadwell. Interment was made in the family lot at Hazelwood cemetery by the side of her husband and daughter.

The Woman's Relief Corps of which she was a member, attended the service in a body.

The pallbearers were George Murray, John McNalley, John Alley, Charles Hansen, Mr. Carrough and Worth Belden.