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Mrs. Eliza Madill Of Newburg Passes

(By a Staff Correspondent)

Newburg, Ia., Jan. 3. Special:

Mrs. Eliza Madill, whose maiden name was Bell, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, April 18, 1845, and passed away at her farm home northwest of Newburg, Saturday, Dec. 31, 1922, having attained the age of 87 years, 8 months and 13 days.

Mrs. Madill's parents were farmers, and farming in northern Ireland in that day involved hard work with meager returns, and necessitated the plainest and most frugal living. Like all occupations, little removed from poverty, it had its attendant hardships. It was under these exacting conditions that she grew to womanhood, and out of them, that came those habits of industry, of saving, and of making the most of all sorts of circumstances, that remained with her throughout life.

She was reared in the sound, though strict tenets of the Presbyterian church of Ulster, and to the end of her life cherished its solemn confession of faith and its Catechism which for years she kept beside her Bible.

On Feb. 16, 1864, she was married to Robert Madill, who passed away in 1910. In 1869 the young couple sailed for America as steerage passengers with Davenport, Iowa, as their destination. Here they lived until December, 1874, when they came to Jasper county, Iowa.

The country was still in its advanced pioneer stage, and with a growing family they bravely faced its hardships, living at different times on various farms, until they acquired the present farm on which Mrs. Madill has lived continuously.

Soon after the organization of the Newburg Congregational church she united with it by letter, having attended services and Sunday school in the Newburg school house for some time before this.

During the years eight children were born into the home, all of whom grew to maturity. They are Peter and John of Grinnell; Robert, who has remained at home throughout the years and has shown rare filial devotion to his mother; William, who died in 1914; Mrs. Lizzie Green; James, who passed away in 1925; Mrs. Minnie Sage, and Mrs. Anna Doud whose death occurred in 1926. There are 11 grandchildren.

Grandmother Madill was a rare soul. Few women ever gave themselves with greater devotion to their homes than she. Her home was her life, and her interests seldom reached beyond the confines of the neighborhood of which her home was a part. But within those narrow limits, her influence was strong, gracious and beautiful. Hers was the type of simple serene life that sees God as Father and man as a brother; that considers life as a mission and not a career; that believes the least is the greatest; that giving is living; that life is eternal and love is its crown.

The funeral was at the Newburg Congregational church Monday afternoon. Rev. W. B. Wilson, assisted by Rev. D. L. Cox, was in charge of the service, and burial was at the Hickory Grove U. B. cemetery. Pallbearers were Andrew McIlrath, John and Sam Parker, J. S. McCord, and R. J. and Roy Paul. The flower-bearers were the Misses Hester and Roberta McCord, Kathryn Paul and Laura Burroughs. Thomas S. and George Mason sang three of the fine old hymns, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Chester Newcomer.