

**MRS. MARY MAGRATH.**

11-12-1918  
Resident of Grinnell Since 1868 Passes  
Away at the Age of 63  
Years.

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Mary Fowler was born in 1833 at the age of eighteen in Drogheda, County South, Ireland. At the age of eighteen in 1856, she came to America, locating at New Orleans. Here she lived thro the Civil war period until 1868 when she was united in marriage to Peter Magrath and immediately moved to Grinnell. In 1885 the husband died. He was a native of County Meath, Ireland.

For about a half a century Mrs. Magrath has been a resident of Grinnell, interested in its development, its people and its progress. Having a keen, bright mind she was interested in our public schools and worked and sacrificed to give her children a good education. She taught them to love and reverence the right things, and gave them all the help a loyal and true heart could give.

She has lived a useful life and passed away Nov. 7, 1918, after an illness of two weeks, contented that her life's work had been accomplished. Mrs. Magrath was always cheerful and kind and generous and her neighbors reciprocated in kind and watched her with friendly interest as she grew older, solicitous that no misfortune should befall her.

Always in robust health she lived actively and retained her strength until her last illness came, two weeks before death. Kind neighbors quickly discovered her illness and summoned her daughters who came and cared for her with filial tenderness till the end came.

The funeral services were held Saturday at ten o'clock at the Catholic church, conducted by Rev. M. J. Hanlon. A good company of friends were present to pay their respects to a departed friend. Bearers were Verb. Lewis, C. F. Garrigan, Bernard Kennedy, R. W. Thackeray, Dan Doud and Wm. Keenan.

The three living children were all present during her illness and death: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wisecarver of Belle Plaine, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Magrath of Des Moines. Her elder son, Ed, who held a fine position with an Ottumwa packing house, was accidentally killed twelve years ago.

The writer's acquaintance with this kindly woman dates back more than 40 years. Her cheerful smile, her gracious kindness and good cheer will always be remembered with gratitude and respect. She loved the best in life, and never forgot the duty and blessedness of kindness. She did what she could to make life brighter and scattered sunlight all around her.

**Card of Thanks.**

To the many good friends that our mother has had during her long residence here in Grinnell, and to those who have been so thoughtful and kind during the last few weeks, we wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation.

MRS. WM. T. JOHNSON,  
MRS. ED. WISECARVER,  
PHONSE MAGRATH.