

MRS. MARY O. MORRIS **PIONEER PASSEES**

10-1-1926
 And Been Closely Associated With
 Upholding of Newburg
 Community.

ASSISTED IN ORGANIZING
 NEWBURG CONG. CHURCH.

Passed Away on Dec. 17 at Altadena,
 Calif.—Funeral Held
 Dec. 19.

Grinnell and vicinity lost one of its
 most worthy and honored pioneers
 on the morning of December 17,
 1926. Mrs. Mary O. Morris was called
 to her eternal home.

Mary Olivia Haskell was born in
 Tiskitwa, Ill., March 4, 1859, where
 she spent her girlhood years. Joining
 the ranks of teachers, she continued
 in this work until her marriage to
 Howard H. Morris, May, 1879.

They came to the homestead six
 miles northwest of Grinnell, which
 they improved, and it was their home
 thirty-five years. Two daughters
 were born to them, Bertha, now Mrs.
 W. H. Palmer, and Ida, both residing
 in Pasadena, Calif. In the early days
 she bore her part in the experience
 which attend pioneer life. Many cen-
 testly to the assistance and cheer
 given in times of illness or trouble.
 In religious work she was always ac-
 tive. With her husband, under the
 leadership of Dr. Magoun and Dr.
 Sturtevant, they assisted in organizing

the Congregational Church at New-
 burg, which was maintained in a
 country school-house under the min-
 istry of such cultured men as Rev.
 Fred Magoun, Prof. Buck, Rev. W. L.
 Coleman, pioneer Minister. For
 thirty years she provided the bread
 and wine for communion services. She
 was instrumental in forming the
 Newburg Aid Society with the object
 of starting a building fund for the
 new church, which was built and
 dedicated with much rejoicing; she
 was also superintendent and teacher
 in the Bible School held at No. 8
 School house, Chester Township,
 which afterward added its member-
 ship to the church built at Newburg.
 Her husband was a leader in the fight
 against the local saloon, in the days
 before Prohibition in Iowa. His suc-
 cess was attended by threats against
 their home and safety. They lived to
 see the sparsely settled prairie de-
 velop into prosperous communities.
 Retiring from active farm life, they
 spent a year in the Pacific Northwest,
 then purchased a home in Grinnell
 where they resided for sixteen years.

Mrs. Morris was intensely loyal
 and patriotic—characteristic of one
 whose father and husband were both
 Union soldiers. She was a Past Pres-
 ident of the Woman's Relief Corps.
 She greatly enjoyed the work of the
 Literary Clan, and R. and R. Club.

A great lover of nature she devot-
 ed time and care to her flower gar-
 den, which she was happy to share
 with others. Later in life she was
 privileged to visit the Pacific Coast,
 the Rocky Mountains, the National
 Capital, Southern California, with
 its mountains and sea, scenic roads,
 and profusion of flowers contributed
 to her love of the beautiful in nature.

There, in Altadena, she made her
 home the past year near her daugh-
 ters, grand daughter Lois Palmer, and
 one of her sisters, Mrs. Lucy Morgan,
 a nephew, James Morgan and family,
 brother-in-law, Henry Morris and
 family, and many other friends, old
 and new.

Two years ago, on Christmas Eve,
 her companion of more than a half
 century entered into rest, just as the
 carolers were singing "Holy Night."
 When he was laid away in Hazelwood
 the day closed with the blaze of a glor-
 ious sunset. As his life mate fell
 asleep, the light of a wondrous sun-
 rise appeared. "There shall be no
 night there."

The funeral was held December 19
 at the chapel of Ives and Warren,
 Pasadena, and was largely attended.
 The Daughters of Veterans, Tent 19,
 attended in a body. There were
 among many of the many floral of-
 ferings, as were also those from the
 Woman's Relief Corps of Pasadena
 and Grinnell.

MRS. MARY O. MORRIS **IS BURIED HERE**

10-1-1926
 Interment services for Mrs. Mary
 O. Morris, who passed away last De-
 cember at her home in Altadena,
 Calif., a suburb of Pasadena, were
 conducted in Hazelwood cemetery by
 Rev. E. M. Vittum Monday afternoon.
 The services consisted of a brief word
 of appreciation by Rev. Mr. Vittum,
 the burial ceremony and singing by a
 group of old time friends who had
 gathered about the grave.

The memory of Mrs. Morris is close-
 ly linked with the beginnings of this
 community. When she was a young
 woman, teaching school in Illinois, she
 came here for a visit, met her future
 husband, Howard H. Morris, and
 shortly afterward they were married
 and began their married life on the
 farm northwest of town which was
 their home for so many years. The
 farm is now occupied by Panton
 Foster.

Eleven years ago they moved to
 Grinnell and bought the residence at
 1132 West street which has since been
 purchased by Rev. E. M. Vittum. On
 Christmas Eve of 1923, Mr. Morris
 passed away. Mrs. Morris remained
 in Grinnell for a year longer, but in
 December of 1924 she moved to Cali-
 fornia and made her home there until
 her death.

She is survived by two daughters,
 Ida Moore, who made her home with
 her mother in Altadena and who ac-
 companied her mother's ashes to Grin-
 nell, and Mrs. Bertha Palmer of Pas-
 adena.

Mrs. Morris is remembered with es-
 teem and affection by many Grinnell
 people. Her husband was a veteran
 of the Civil War and was active in G.
 A. R. affairs and he and Mrs. Morris
 were interested in many good things.
 Her death removes another of those
 who were active and helpful in laying
 the foundations of this community.