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MORRISON

GONE TO HER REST.

A pioneer life has passed away. Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock kind friends gathered at the late home of Mrs. Ann Sutherland Morrison and all that was mortal of one of Grinnell's earliest settlers and most respected women was tenderly borne to its last resting place.

Ann Sutherland was born October 11, 1813, at Bath, N. H., a New England town especially interesting in Grinnell history, for from it came a number of families representing the most upright, honorable, God-fearing and thrifty of Grinnell's citizens—the Bartletts, the Childs, the Hibbards, the Walkers, the Stevens and the Sutherlands. Her father, Rev. David Sutherland, was a pioneer preacher of New Hampshire, of Scotch birth and educated at Edinburgh. Mr. Sutherland was one of the best-known Congregational preachers in his adopted state, having a wide acquaintance and being called on frequently to officiate in various public ways at long distances from his home. He was the father of four sons and three daughters. One son and one daughter came to Grinnell. Two of his grandsons and two of his great grandsons became Congregational ministers.

Ann Sutherland was for a time a student of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, being a member of the first class under Mary Lyons, famous not only in the history of the seminary but in the history of Congregationalism in the country. After a course of study here, though not a graduate, Miss Sutherland taught for some time at Littleton, N. H., a town in which

Frederick Gates was afterwards a pastor. She afterwards went to Plymouth, N. H., and here learned to make gloves, this being really the beginning of the glove-making industry in Grinnell.

In 1812 Miss Sutherland was married to Frederick Morrison, a tanner and glove-maker of Bath. In 1855 with other friends they answered the advertisement in eastern papers calling for settlers for the "Yankee colony" at Grinnell. They built on what is now the south part of the college campus, away out of town in those days, and the first tannery vats were made just south of the home, near the old mill. These lots, four in number, were afterward sold to make room for the circular road south of the campus and Mr. Morrison purchased and built on south Main street, moving into town as it was thought then. The tannery west of town was built in 1857, and Mr. Morrison pursued his old trade of tanning and glove-making. Though he died in 1870, before he could see the proportions to which the business he established would grow, his wife lived to know that the manufacturing plant she had helped to build had become one of the largest in the west.

Mrs. Morrison was the mother of five children, two of whom are living—one son, David S., and one daughter, Mary, both in Grinnell.

Mrs. Morrison was of a retiring disposition, a true christian, devoted to her children, one whose life of patience, gentleness and love endeared her to all. Few mothers have been privileged to contribute more to the building up of a new community, and none have lived to see a more blessed fruition of early hopes and prayers.

The funeral service at the home Tuesday was conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. M. Vittum. He used in the service the bible used by the deceased woman's father during his thirty years' pastorate at Bath, and afterwards presented to his daughter. Mr. Vittum read the following inscription on the fly-leaf:

As a token of Parental affection I present this old bible to my dear Daughter Ann, wife of Frederick Morrison,—a bible bought with my own money and placed in the Pulpit of the old Meeting house immediately after it was finished in 1805—in which I officiated 30 years, during which time the whole of this bible was read in Sabbath services.

From her attached Father,

D. SUTHERLAND.

Bath, N. H., June 9, '51.

The music was by Mrs. B. J. Ricker, Mrs. A. McIntosh, J. C. Walker and A. C. Harriman. Bearers were: A. McIntosh, C. F. Ricker, B. J. Ricker, J. T. Hastings, A. W. Child and F. L. Child.