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Funeral Services of Mrs. R. L. Mortland

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Funeral services over the body of Mrs. R. L. Mortland, resident of this county since the 60's were said from the home, Saturday at 10 o'clock, by the Rev. W. F. Vanderlip, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment was in the Masonic and Odd Fellow cemetery by the side of her husband. Mrs. Mortland passed quietly away Thursday afternoon at her home, from the effects of a fall a week or so ago.

During the Civil war Mrs. Mortland lived with her brother and in the early years of the conflict, nursed the wounded soldiers at Altoona, Penn. She was among the number of fast disappearing people who came across country in a covered wagon, to make Iowa the state it is.

Two songs by Mrs. Margaret White Stoltz of Ottumwa were given at the services which were largely attended by the residents of this city.

The following obituary was read at the services:

Ruth Ann Webber, daughter of Andrew and Jennett Webber, was born June 24, 1841, in Venango county, Penn., and quietly passed on at her home in Montezuma, Thursday afternoon, June 25, 1931, at the age of 90 years and one day. One of a family of ten, she was the last survivor. Her family was of Scotch descent.

Her girlhood days were spent in Venango county. During the early part of the civil war she lived with her brother, John Webber, in Altoona, Penn., and for more than a year was engaged in helping care for the wounded soldiers in the hospitals at Altoona.

On September 5, 1864, she was married to R. L. Mortland. To this union ten children were born, three dying in infancy and Mahala T., who died Feb. 21, 1912. Her husband passed on Feb. 21, 1925.

The surviving children are Nettie, who has always lived at home and bestowed unstinted care upon her parents during the evening of life; R. A. Mortland of Oskaloosa; Jas. A. Mortland of White Creek, N. Y.; Mrs. Inez White of Joplin, Mo.; Maizie T. Mortland, member of the faculty of the Central high school at Duluth, Minn.; and Mrs. Ruth Stoltz of Ottumwa. One grandchild, Ruth Elizabeth Mortland, also mourns the passing of her beloved grandmother.

In the fall of 1864 she came with her husband by wagon, traveling the old "Cumberland Trail" across the mountains, to Mercer county, Ill., where a home was established. Four years later, in 1868, they came to Montezuma and this place was their home ever since.

She was a quiet home loving woman and enjoyed life most when surrounded by her loved ones. She delighted in the friendship of many. No one in distress ever called to her in vain and at all times was ever ready to aid the sick and needy.

She united with the Presbyterian church many years ago and for a long time was a regular attendant at church services. During the latter years advancing age prevented her going, but always enjoyed visits from her pastor.

Just two weeks ago misfortune befell her. In spite of gentle ministrations and devoted care, she laid down the burden of life and peace fully passed on to join loved ones on that other shore.

Her's was a long and useful life, which spanned the greatest changes in the world's history. She did her part and to her came the gentle words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."