

OBITUARY

Jessie Burroughs Murphy

Jessie Burroughs Murphy was born in Hickory Grove township, Jasper County, Iowa, on February 13, 1873. She was the third of five children born to Susan Frances Buflington and John Lockhart Burroughs. Her brothers were Edwin C. and Richard M. Her sisters were Lillie May Stoaks and Nellie Newcomer. Only her brother, Richard of Newburg, survives her.

Mrs. Murphy spent her early girlhood on the Hickory Grove farm to which her grandfather came as a pioneer in 1865. The family moved in 1892 to a farm adjoining Newburg.

She attended the Iowa Academy and in 1902 was graduated from Grinnell college. Following her graduation she taught in the Jasper County schools.

On June 24, 1903, she was married to Achel Kent Murphy, of Newton, and as a bride went with her husband to Bessemer, Ala. Her three older children were born in Bessemer. The family returned to Iowa in 1909, and Mr. Murphy helped organize the Newburg Savings Bank where he served as cashier until 1932. The family lived in the village of Newburg for a short time before moving to the Burroughs family farm adjoining Newburg. Here six of her children were born.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy lived there and reared their family of nine children until Mr. Murphy joined the staff of the State Banking Department in 1932. They subsequently lived in Coggen, Albion, and Marshalltown, then returned to establish a home on the Hickory Grove farm in 1933.

Mr. Murphy passed away suddenly on the farm, December 29, 1940. She spent the remaining years visiting her children, traveling thousands of miles by plane from coast to coast to be with them. During this time she cared for her aunt, Mrs. Susan Burroughs Child, of Grinnell, from 1944 until Mrs. Child died in 1949.

She was a member of the Congregational church of Newburg and was active in school, church and community affairs. Her particular enjoyment, aside from her family and friends, was her flowers and gardens. During her residence in Grinnell she was an active member

of the Grinnell Historical Club.

Among the happy occasions of her late life were her participation in the Golden Anniversary reunion of her Grinnell college classmates in June, 1952, and her attendance at the Golden Wedding Anniversary observance for Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Burroughs in November, 1953.

It was her great pleasure during later years to anticipate and attend reunions with her children and their families which are held every five years, and to be present at the Murphy family reunions held each summer in Newton.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by her nine children: Mrs. George H. Lane, of Fort Collins, Colo.; Mrs. W. O. McMeen, of Denver

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John D. Murphy, of Elmira, N.Y.; Mrs. Jack E. Leora, of Massapequa, N.Y.; Mrs. Ted Weisheimer, of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; George W. Murphy, of Birmingham, Mich.; Mrs. Dumont Watson, of Lakeport, Calif.; Mrs. Wayne Estal, of Grinnell; and William H. Murphy, of Syracuse, N.Y. She has seventeen living grandchildren. Her parents said she was a wonderful daughter; her husband said she was a wonderful wife; and her children say she was a wonderful mother.

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