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OBITUARY.

(Alexander)

*Mrs. Alexander McBlain.*

Elizabeth, daughter of Mary and Robert Murphy, was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch Irish parents, on the eighth day of January, 1837, and fell asleep here at 11 P. M., Dec. 14, 1911, aged 74 years, 11 months and 6 days.

Early in life her father died and her mother, with the family, moved to Scotland, and settled in Ayrshire county, where she spent her life till 1881.

In 1858 she was married to Alexander McBlain and for fifty-three years they lived together. To this union were born twelve children. Three children died in infancy and the other nine still live, David and John and Mrs. Elizabeth Powell, of Grinnell, Mrs. Mary Heesch, of Davenport, Iowa, Mrs. Jean Punnell, of Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Agnes Bass, of Ute, Iowa, Mrs. Nellie Moss, of Young, Saskatchewan, Canada, Alexander of Columbus Junction, Iowa, and Hugh, of Mary, Loba, Scotland, four of whose sons acted as pallbearers with two other grandchildren.

All the children were here except Nellie and Hugh, who were kept away by distance.

In 1881, the family of ten, father and mother and eight children, left old Scotland for the new land for their children's sake and altho her heart often yearned for the old home and the old friends, she never saddened any life by complaining or telling why she came and for over 30 years the family circle remained unbroken. One by one the children married until at last the old home was left to father and mother alone except for the frequent welcome visit of children and grandchildren to the old home.

A year after they were married she and her husband united with the Presbyterian church of Scotland and so great was her faith and so strong her reverence that every child was baptized in infancy in the Presbyterian church.

The funeral services were held from the home on High street, Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 17, and were conducted by Rev. W. W. Woodburn. There was a very large attendance. The remains were laid to rest in Hazelwood cemetery.

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