

## An Appreciation Of Mrs. William McCormick

7-31-1934

The entire Ewart and Montezuma community was saddened by the death of Mrs. William McCormick, long time resident of Ewart, who passed away at her home Wednesday, following a brief illness. Mrs. McCormick had not been in the best of health for some time, but on Sunday greatly enjoyed visiting with her friends who had assembled for a picnic at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cliff Braley.

At an early age, Mrs. McCormick became a member of the United Presbyterian denomination, and was the last living charter member of the church at Ewart. Throughout her long and useful life, Mrs. McCormick has been a friend to all. Her Christian life was a beautiful example to all fortunate enough to have enjoyed her acquaintanceship.

The Rev. R. G. Smith, pastor of the church, was in charge of the services and was assisted by the Rev. W. Z. Allen, now pastor of the church at Deep River, who was pastor at Ewart back in 1904.

A special quartette composed of R. G. Smith, Gus Wasson, Mrs. Leo Farley and Mrs. R. G. Smith, furnished the music, with Mrs. Henry McMeekin at the piano.

Pallbearers were James McCormick, Eugene McCormick, Charles Cummings, Earl Wells, Willie Cummings and N. J. McGonigal.

The following obituary was read at the services:

Mary Ann, daughter of James and Nancy Hamilton Donnan, was born near Coal Valley, Ill., May 8, 1860, and departed this life July 25, 1934, aged 74 years, two months and 17 days.

She lived in Illinois until 1875, when, after the death of her father, her mother and six children moved to Iowa, where they settled on the farm on which she was residing at the time of her death.

At an early age she became a Christian and was the last living charter member of the Ewart United Presbyterian church. She was ever faithful in church attendance as long as her health permitted, and never lost interest in the work of the Lord as long as she lived.

She was married to William McCormick, a native of County Down, Ireland, December 5, 1889, and with the exception of one year spent in Guthrie county, Iowa, and

one year in Grinnell, they have resided until the present time on the farm where they started their married life.

Her mother and father, two sisters, Mrs. Susanna McGonigal and Mrs. Ella Cummings, and one brother, N. Jas. Donnan, preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Annetta B. Braley; two sisters, Mrs. Sadie McCormick and Elizabeth Donnan; five grandchildren, Frank, Berton, Gordon, Byard and Mary Lou Braley, all of Ewart. She also leaves 19 nieces and nephews for whom she had an abiding love and in whom she never lost interest, and who in turn loved her.