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Has Passed To Her Reward

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In the death of Mrs. Rachel Ann McFate another one of the good women of Grinnell passes on to her reward. Mrs. McFate was a long time resident of Sheridan township and for the past eight years has lived in Grinnell. On the farm she was a hard working woman and a good neighbor. She was active in community interests and a strong supporter of the church of which she was a member. She was a devoted Christian and her mind and heart were well stored with Christian truths. On the occasion of her pastor's last visit she joined in the repeating of the 130th Psalm and the words "I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning, I say, more than they that watch for the morning." were truly indicative of her experience and expectation.

Rachel Ann Stigers was born March 25, 1845 near Columbus, Ohio, and died at her home, 1315 Reed St., Jan. 31, 1928, in the 83rd year of her age. She came to Muscatine County, Iowa, with her folks in 1851, the journey being made in a covered wagon. She was united in marriage with Samuel McFate, a Civil War Veteran, on September 9th, 1869. Mr. McFate died in March 1926.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McFate, all of whom are living, except Mrs. Elmer McElvania, who died in August 1925. The children living are, Mrs. Laura Brown, Grinnell, John McFate, Denver, Col., LeRoy McFate, Colfax, Victor McFate, Madison Twp., Harvey McFate, Chester Twp., Clark McFate, Melvin, Minn., Orval McFate, Grinnell, Mrs. Lucy Dexter, Grinnell and Clarence McFate, Long Beach, Cal. Mrs. McFate had been in failing health for some time and for the last twelve weeks had been kept to her bed. She was lovingly ministered to by her children and loved ones. For many years Mrs. McFate was a member of the Sheridan Methodist church and on moving to Grinnell transferred her membership to the Methodist Church here.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon and at Sheridan church. The body was laid to rest in the Sheridan cemetery.

There were twenty-seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Bearers were: Walter, Roy, Arthur and A. J. Stigers, Ralph McFate and Floyd McElvania.

Those attending the services from a distance were: Arthur Stigers of Davenport, Roy and Walter Stigers of Wolcott, Iowa, A. J. Stigers of Valley Junction, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Roberts and Merle Hindman of Ewart, Mrs. Earl Soth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butterfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Tama, LeRoy McFate of Colfax, Mrs. Emma Currie of Malcom, and Floyd and Howard McElvania of Bradford, Iowa.