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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Martha Kennedy Patten.

After an illness lasting many years, during much of which time she was almost helpless, Mrs. Martha Kennedy Patten passed away early Friday morning.

Martha Kennedy was born Jan. 17, 1836, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, of Scotch Irish ancestry and inherited the strong character and firm will which marks this people. In 1859 she was united in marriage with Daniel Ralston Patten, who had served during the civil war in a Pennsylvania regiment. They came at once to Scott County, Iowa, and in 1871 they removed to a farm southeast of Ostrum. Here in 1874 Mrs. Patten began teaching the farm encumbered with debt, and Mrs. Patten with two other children, one of whom was ill at the time. Mrs. Patten met the situation bravely, maintaining on the farm a short period of years and then moving into Ostrum, where she found a home for her son and made a home for a brother who lived there. It was a happy arrangement for both.

Here with care and thought she lifted the debt and at the same time found opportunity and leisure to be an active and willing worker in the Presbyterian church, of which her brother was an elder. In 1893 Mrs. Patten with her children moved to Newton, where the same energetic Christian character marked her living, and here too the Presbyterian church found her a useful influence in helping to carry on its good work.

In 1893 Mrs. Patten and her two daughters came to Winifred, where both entered college, one Mrs. M. P. Pooley, graduating a lady. Mrs. Patten joined the Congregational church in Ostrum a few days after moving.

She and was a faithful, consistent Christian, giving of her time and strength to advance her work, until stricken with paralysis, which kept her all the rest of her life partially helpless. And yet during all these years she maintained a cheerfulness which made her a help in the home to which she could not give her strength, and the same care was kindly and gladly given to her which she had so freely bestowed upon her daughters in earlier life. Though growing old in a helpless condition, she was still a help for her constant cheerfulness made her a comfort to her daughter, whose filial affection showed itself stronger as her mother grew weaker.

Mrs. Patten's last few weeks were marked with suffering and yet when the end came she passed peacefully into her rest.

The funeral service was conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. E. A. Cross, who spoke feelingly of the beautiful character of the deceased.

A quartet composed of E. R. Morrison, O. M. Walker, Miss Helen Thompson, and Miss Stella Eastlett, sang, and amid the perfume of flowers and love of friends the last goodbyes were said as the body of the loved woman was prepared for its final resting place.

Friends present from out of town for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Cruise of Manchester, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hersey, of Cedar Falls; Mrs. G. W. Scott and Mrs. Alice Desmond, of Newton; Mr. and Mrs. H. Shrader, of Victor; Will Williams and daughter, of Williamsburg; M. A. McDord and wife, F. W. Jaffer and wife, V. H. Morgan and wife, all of Newton; and Samuel Kennedy of Nampa, Ida.

The body was taken to Colfax Monday, where it came to rest in the family vault of her husband and daughter.