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—One of the earliest of Grinnell settlers was Mrs. L. A. Patterson, who came here with her husband in 1858. Mrs. Patterson passed away Sunday morning, at 9:12 o'clock, after a long and painful illness. Margaret Safford was born at Sidney, Me. Oct. 2, 1815. Here she grew into womanhood, and was united in marriage in 1840 to Loring B. Ridley. In October, 1847, her husband died, and the subject of this sketch afterward lived at Searsport, Me. Here, Sept. 30, 1849, she was married to Mr. L. A. Patterson. In 1858, they moved to Grinnell, and in Grinnell or vicinity they have lived since, some of the time in Jasper Co., and some of the time in Washington township. Early in the eighties, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson left the farm permanently. Mrs. Patterson had been in failing health for several years. In the winter of '92 a cancer was removed from her hip. She never was so strong after the operation, and the removal of a tumor a year later still more weakened her. She, however, held her strength with great tenacity, first taking to her bed the second of last month. Deceased was a woman of great strength of character, and universally esteemed. She leaves four children: F. M. Patterson, of Bancroft, Neb.; Mrs. Phos. White, of Washington township; Mrs. Q. L. White, Harlan, Ia.; and J. E. Patterson, Washington, Ia. The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. W. Hackley; and the large number of neighbors and friends present testified to the respect in which the deceased woman was held. The body was interred at Hazelwood. Mr. Patterson is still very sick; but is thought to be slowly improving. Relatives present from abroad were Mrs. Q. L. White, of Harlan; J. E. Patterson, of Washington; and Walter Patterson, of Des Moines. Mrs. J. W. Harris, of Lewis, arrived last night; but too late to attend the funeral.

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