

James C.

Old Time Resident Of Sheridan Passes

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Mrs. Lucy Reams, a resident of Tama for the past fifteen years and prior to her coming to this city a resident of north Poweshiek county for nearly seventy years, died at her home at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks duration.

The funeral services were held at the home Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock, conducted by Dr. DeWitt Clinton, assisted by Rev. R. G. Smith. Music was furnished by Mrs. Carl B. Harrison, Ben Jones and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wonser, with Mrs. F. E. Fowler at the organ. A favorite hymn of the deceased, "I Would Not Live Alway," was sung by the quartet, after which Mr. Jones sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." The pall bearers were two sons of the deceased, J. W. Reams and W. W. Reams; two nephews, Allan and Preston Reams; and two grandsons, Wayne and Ralph Reams. Many beautiful flowers covered the casket, eloquently expressing the regard and sympathy of the donors. Interment was in the Sheridan cemetery, where there was a large attendance of friends from the neighborhood in which the greater part of Mrs. Reams' life had been spent.

Among those present at the funeral from out of town were J. W. Reams, Malcom; W. W. Reams, Mitchell, So. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. James Whannel, Traer; Mrs. Tillie Wilkinson, Buhl, Idaho; and J. M. Neil, Gladbrook.

Lucinda Jane Graham was born in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1838, and died April 28, 1927, aged , eight-eight years, nine months and eighteen days. She came to Iowa in her youth and was married in Richland township, Tama county, December 4, 1864, to James Cloyd Reams, a veteran of the Union army in the Civil War.

Mr. and Mrs. Reams began their married life on a farm in Madison township, Poweshiek county, locating on a farm in Sheridan township in that county in 1868. There they reared their family and made their home for forty-four years, retiring from the farm and taking up their residence in Tama in 1912, and continuing to live here until the death of Mr. Reams April 18, 1918, and of Mrs. Reams last week. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, surrounded by their children and a company of neighbors and friends, at their home in Tama on December 4, 1912.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reams, of these there survive A. J. Reams, Des Moines; Mrs.

Reams, Buhl, Idaho; J. W. Reams, Malcom; Mrs. Grace Neil, Buhl, Idaho; and W. W. Reams, Mitchell, S. Dak. There are also surviving thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Reams was a loving wife and mother, a kindly and helpful neighbor and friend, and a woman of unusual intelligence who maintained her interest in the affairs of the community and of the world to the very end of a long and industrious life. Her vigor, both of mind and body, in her old age was a constant source of amazement to her friends. In her younger years she was a typical Iowa pioneer, active, eager and hospitable.

For more than forty years she lived a life of applied Christianity as a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, but her sympathy and interest were so wide that they defied denominational lines and included humanity everywhere. She was deeply patriotic and for many years was a helpful member of the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Reams will be greatly missed by the many friends who had known and loved her for so many years. The loss to the family on eve of Mother's Day can only be sensed by those who have lost a mother.