

MARTIN

Mrs. Anna^{G-4} M. Rickard Passes

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Last of Early Pioneers Still Residing
In Chester Answers Death's
Call.

HAD MADE HER HOME
IN CHESTER SINCE 1860

Funeral Services Conducted by Rev.
H. L. Wissler Were Held From
Chester Church.

Another pioneer of Chester, the last
of the earlier ones still residing here,
has passed away.

Anna Margaret Turner, daughter of
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Turner, was
born in Mercer County, Pa., August 16,
1843, and departed this life at her
home in Chester Township, Poweshiek
County, Iowa, February 27, 1929, aged
85 years, 6 months and 11 days.

Mrs. Rickard was one of a family of
twelve children, of whom only one re-
mains.

Following the fortunes of a Baptist
minister, Mrs. Rickard resided at Ke-
wanee, Ill., where she lost her mo-
ther, and at different places in Hardin
county and Tama county, Iowa, where
Rev. Mr. Turner held pastorates. Rev.
Mr. Turner and his second wife lived
for a short time in Grinnell at the
present home of Miss Annie J. Sand-
ers.

Mrs. Rickard came to Chester in
1860 and her home has been here since
that time, except one year in Nebraska,
keeping house for a nephew who had
lost his wife, and 14 months in South
Dakota proving up on a homestead,
which she later sold to her son, Alvin.

On November 14, 1865, she was
united in marriage with Martin Rick-
ard, a native of New Hampshire, one
of the pioneers who helped make Ches-
ter a good place to live. Mr. Rickard
died April 18, 1898, after about one
hour's illness, following a stroke of
apoplexy; while Mrs. Rickard's final
illness of sixty days followed a par-
alytic stroke.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rickard were born
four children: Elmer Turner and
Fanny Ruth Rickard of Chester, Alvin
Robert of Quinn, South Dakota and
Henry Martin of Grinnell, Iowa, all of
whom were with her when she passed
away except Alvin, who visited his
mother during her illness last summer,
but could not leave home now.

Early in life Mrs. Rickard joined the
Baptist Church, to which she gave
loyal service until June 17th, 1875,
when she joined the Chester Congre-
gational church, where she found per-
petual comfort and joy in the Master's
service—her personal religion being
the every day kind in every day use,
an ever present help in time of trouble
and a constant inspiration to others.
She was one of the three of the Ches-
ter church called the missionary sis-
ters, the other two being Mrs. Ellen
Fisher and Mrs. Thomas Fuller, who
like so many other Chester women,
have made Chester and the world bet-
ter by living in it.

Mrs. Rickard leaves to mourn her
loss her four children, ten grandchil-
dren, one sister, Mrs. Kate Jackson of
Los Angeles, California, and a host of
other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday,
March 1st, at 2:00 p. m. in the church
she had loved and served nearly 54
years, conducted by her pastor, Rev.
H. L. Wissler.

Three numbers were sung by Mr.
and Mrs. Maynard Sears, and Mr. and
Mrs. Henry Stahl, accompanied by
Mrs. George Hafkey.

Pall bearers were Ralph Sherman,
Clyde Foster, George Hafkey, Myron
Sears, Floyd Eichhorn and Lloyd
Tice.

The body was laid to rest in the
Chester cemetery, by the husband
who had passed on nearly thirty-one
years ago.