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Sarah A. Calhoun was born in Ireland, Nov. 3, 1806 of Scotch-Irish parentage and died in Grinnell, Iowa, Dec. 19th, 1902, being at the time of her death 96 years, 1 month and 14 days old. When six years of age she accompanied her parents to Canada and on Oct. 26, 1830, was married to Wm. J. Rutledge, who preceded her to the better land July 30, 1877.

Of eight children born to this union four survive her: Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, Rochester, N. Y.; Wm. J. Rutledge, Hutchinson, Kan.; Mrs. Mary Nash, Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Nora Hays, Grinnell, Iowa.

In 1845 they moved to Illinois and settled on a farm near Oregon, in Ogle Co. At the close of the war they moved to Iowa and on Nov. 1, 1867 to Montezuma. After a residence there of about 27 years she removed with her daughter Nora to Grinnell, where she remained till her death.

Mrs. Rutledge was a most lovable woman; affectionate and kind to all and always taking a deep interest in the affairs of her family.

She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a devoted Christian, having given her heart to God when quite young.

Although a great sufferer from injuries sustained by a fall early in March, she never complained and always had a smile and a good word for all.

Her faculties were perfect. It was a most remarkable fact considering her great age that she never became in the least, "childish." She was always cheerful and life never lost its sweetness for her.

Funeral services, conducted by her pastor, were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Hays, last Sunday and final services at the Montezuma church, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Stoddard, assisted by the Rev. A. B. Hightshoe on Monday last. Interment was in Montezuma cemetery where her body and that of her husband lie side by side.