

FORMER SHERIDAN RESIDENT

6-24 PASSES AWAY. 1919

From the Tama Herald: Mrs. Richard and Spire died at her home in Tama Saturday morning after an illness of several months' duration. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives, friends and neighbors, there being an especially large delegation present from the Sheridan neighborhood where many years of Mrs. Spire's life were spent. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Brandon, who was assisted by Dr. Frank P. Shaffer. Music was furnished by Mrs. Carl B. Harrison, Mrs. C. J. Wonser, Dr. Shaffer and C. J. Wonser, with Mrs. E. L. Vernon at the piano. The pall bearers were Scott Robeson, Graydon Robeson, Richard Malin, Ellis Malin and Wayne Spire, grandsons of the deceased, and Joseph Vaverka. Interment was in the Haven cemetery.

The floral decorations covering the casket were the most numerous and beautiful ever seen at a funeral in this city, their presence speaking eloquently of the universal esteem in which Mrs. Spire was held.

Mrs. Isadora Hatfield Spire was born in Richland township, Tama county, February 28, 1855, and died June 14, 1919, at the age of 64 years, 3 months and 14 days. She was married November 20, 1873, to Richard Spire and to them were born eight children. Mrs. Spire's death is the first to occur in this large family. She was not only permitted to see all of her children grown to manhood and womanhood but was privileged to see them all

happily married. The surviving children are Mrs. C. A. Robeson, of Tama; W. G. Spire, Mrs. F. R. Graham, J. C. Spire and A. R. Spire, of Sheridan township, Poweshiek county; Mrs. W. H. Dee, of Haxtum, Colorado; Mrs. R. J. Engel, of Wood Lake, Minn., and Mrs. W. E. Staley, of Schaller. In addition to these she is survived by her husband, a half-sister, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, of Lawton, Oklahoma, and by her grandchildren and other more distant relatives.

Mrs. Spire was converted in early life and ever thereafter lived the life of a consecrated Christian woman. Whenever condition permitted she attended religious services but, when her health or the weather necessitated her absence from them, she ever found it possible to live her religion while engaged in the performance of her household tasks. Her chief happiness in life came in ministering to the comfort of those of her household and it was to them that for many years her life was cheerfully dedicated. While many friends and neighbors will mourn her passing it will be in the family circle that she will be the most keenly missed. Passing from earth before the weight of years had brought her to a long period of decrepitude she leaves her loved ones with memories of her vigorous personality and a full appreciation of the service she rendered them throughout the many years of her life.