

2-7 OBITUARY. 1917

Mrs. Joseph A. Stearns died at her home in Montezuma on Saturday. She was a sister of Mrs. W. T. Leins of this city and the aunt of George G. Leins of Grinnell and W. J. Leins of Marshalltown. The following obituary is taken from the Montezuma Palladium:

"Mrs. Joseph A. Stearns, one of the best known women of the community, passed away last Saturday evening after a week of suffering from paralysis. Her condition was grave from the first, yet the announcement of her passing brought a feeling of sadness to our people. The most of her life had been spent among us and she enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all.

"Eloise Scott was born in Orange county, New York, June 16, 1863, and died at Montezuma, Ia., Jan. 27, 1917, aged 53 years, 7 months, and 11 days. At the age of ten she came with her parents to Montezuma and has lived in or near here all her life.

"Feb. 7, 1881, she was united in marriage to Joseph A. Stearns and to the union were born three children; Mrs. O. T. Hoebel of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. M. M. Miller, of Des Moines, and Harvey Vincent, of Montezuma. The three grandchildren are Donald Stearns Hoebel, Jean Elizabeth Hoebel, and Scott Benton Miller. Mrs. Stearns is also survived by four sisters; Mrs. W. T. Leins, of Grinnell; Mrs. Emma Goldsmith, of Mattewan, N. Y.; Mrs. Maggie Spencer, of Waldon, N. Y., and Mrs. Anna Foster, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

"Early in life Mrs. Stearns became a Christian and united with the Presbyterian church. Some twenty years ago she became interested in the teachings of the Adventists and affiliated with a company of those holding that faith. Her religion was always of the practical kind, finding expression in works of mercy and helpfulness. Like Dorcas of old her deeds of kindness have reached a multitude of lives and many now are telling of the ways in which she has helped and befriended them.

For almost ten years Mrs. Stearns has been in poor health and during the last year has suffered greatly from a disease or complication of diseases for which she found no remedy. On Jan. 20 she suffered a paralytic stroke and gradually failing in strength, she passed away Jan. 27 at 10 p. m.

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