

## Mrs. Matilda Sterling Passes

(From The Brooklyn Chronicle)

Another pioneer of Brooklyn passed away Wednesday night when Mrs. Matilda Sterling died following 6 years of poor health. During this time Mrs. Sterling has been cared for by her daughter, Florence. Another daughter, Mrs. Wilson from Honolulu, was here this summer, and a daughter, Lena, from Chicago, was also here the past summer for an extended visit and was here for the funeral last Friday.

Mrs. Sterling came to Brooklyn in the fifties with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tinker. They settled on the farm still known as the old Tinker place, where the Miller brothers now live, west of Brooklyn. Here Matilda Tinker grew up. She was married at this home to Martin V Sterling, a civil war veteran, who had come here shortly after the war. They lived for a time on a farm between Brooklyn and Hartwick across from the old Hartwick church. It was a farm belonging to Mr. Sterling's cousin, Dave Sterling, for many years a prominent business man of Brooklyn. During this time the first Hartwick Congregational church was organized and built across from the Sterling place. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were charter members of this church. It has since been moved to the town of Hartwick. It was organized about 1875.

Shortly after this Mr. and Mrs. Sterling and family moved to Texas where they farmed three years when they returned to Brooklyn. Sometime later they bought a farm three miles north of Brooklyn where Frank Richman now lives. This was in 1895. They attended the Presbyterian church at Brooklyn from this time on and were faithful members the rest of their lives. Three of the five daughters graduated from the Brooklyn high school and the others attended.

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