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OBITUARY.

Mrs. Joel Stewart.

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The remains of the late Mrs. Joel Stewart, which were brought here from Brookfield, Mo., Wednesday morning, were interred with appropriate services Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church, the church to which Mr. and Mrs. Stewart went most when residents of this city and to which Mr. Stewart gave generous financial aid when it was built. They were in charge of the Rev. J. Arthur Hurles. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. A. C. Norris, Mrs. Josephine Parmenter, Messrs. Kirby and Harriman. The pall bearers were J. H. P. Robison, Wesley Manatt, J. M. Campbell, H. L. Davis, H. Jenkins and H. M. Bray. The honorary pall bearers were D. S. Morrison, H. W. Spaulding, Professor Jesse Macy, Charles Porter, Charles McElhin and Dr. E. B. Wiley. Friends were permitted to view the remains at the Wesley Manatt home Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:30.

Besides the bereaved husband those present from out of town were Daniel Drummond, a friend who accompanied Mr. Stewart from Brookfield with the remains; Mrs. Mary Stevens, a daughter of the deceased, from Leadville, Colorado, and two granddaughters, Misses Helen and Josephine Patrick of Chicago. A large concourse of people turned out to pay their last tribute to a woman whose life here was marked by generosity, purity and kindness. Stewart library was closed during the afternoon and the trustees attended in a body, as did the Priscillas, a club of which deceased was an honorary member. A profusion of floral offerings testified to the love in which Mrs. Stewart was held by a large number of friends.

Mrs. Anna M. Bush Stewart was born in Ulster county, New York, on February 15, 1826, and so was past 82 years of age. On September 1, 1856, she was married at Saugerite, N. Y., to Joel Stewart, who was then in the meat market business in that city. Later he went into the hotel business there. She had been previously married to Francis Heber in the same city, by whom she had three children, Mrs. Stevens only surviving.

In 1867 Mr. and Mrs. Stewart moved to Illinois and in 1868 to Iowa, settling on a farm in Hickory Grove which is known as the Walter Adams property. After farming this a year or so, Mrs. Stewart felt lonesome for the old home surroundings of New York state and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart went on a three months' visit at their old home. She discovered, however, that Iowa had really won her heart and it was with the expression of

their own willingness that they return
in a few months to pioneer Iowa
where Mr. Stewart was to have such
successful career in the land busi-
ness.

After arriving here they boarded
the Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Works for
some time and then moved to what is
now the Eichhorn farm in the north-
west corner of Malcom township, put-
ting up the buildings that still stand
on this 800-acre piece. After farm-
ing successfully here for twenty
years, they moved to town and lived
in the pleasant property now occu-
pied by D. E. Hays and family on east
fifth avenue.

Two years ago Mr. Stewart took
his wife Stewart with him to Wisconsin
where he owned extensive farm lands
and has been raising cattle for the
last half dozen years. She was taken
ill last winter and was ill most of
the time, but part of the time was able
to be about the house. She died of
heart trouble on Monday afternoon at
10 o'clock.

Mrs. Stewart was a kind woman and
of good reputation. All who knew her
admired her gentle spirit and her
willingness to help others. She was
generous and loyal to her town and
her husband. When he first pro-
posed to her the erection of Stewart
library in this city, she instantly ex-
pressed her joy in such a gift, al-
though it was very large in propor-
tion to Mr. Stewart's wealth. She
will be remembered here by hosts of
friends as a bright, cheerful,
able woman, to know whom was
privilege. The sympathy of the
community is extended to the hus-
band with the hope that in his lone-
ness and declining years he may
turn to the old home here, where
he will always find a welcome and
where the memory of his loving and
helpful comrade will always be kept
green.

Resolution.

Resolved, That, in view of the death
of Mrs. Anna M. Stewart, the partner
of Hon. Joel Stewart in presenting
the Stewart library building to the
city of Grinnell, we spread upon our
records an expression of our pleasure
in her acquaintance during her resi-

dence in and happy life here, and especially

in behalf of the citizens of Grinnell,
a declaration of the gratitude of
this city for her cordial cooperation
with the Grinnellites in originating the
movement for raising money for a city
library as also for her share in the
unifluent and beneficent gift to the
operation of today and for the genera-
tions of tomorrow. The memory of
such good deeds is not swept in waste.

Lizzie G. Noyes.

Edna Davis.

L. T. Parker.