

AY, JANUARY 18, 1931. C-16

Death Summons Mrs. Mary Stone

Mary E. Stevens was born in Albany, New York, April 9, 1844 and departed this life Jan. 6, 1931, age 86 years, 8 months and 26 days.

She was married to James H. Cook, Dec. 25th, 1860. To this union 9 children were born. James Cook, dying in infancy was born Jan. 26th, 1862 and died June 16th, 1862; the other eight children survive her.

They are as follows: Mrs. Rosa Parker, South Sioux, Neb.; Mrs. Dora Cox, Newburg, Ia.; Edwin E. Cook, Smithland, Ia.; Mrs. Blanche Ratekin, Sioux City; Mrs. Sylvia O'Brien, Grinnell; W. E. Cook, Laurel, C. W. Cook, Smithland, Iowa; and A. T. Cook, Marshalltown, Iowa. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. Rosa Parker, of South Sioux, Nebr.

Mrs. Cook was converted in the year 1895 at a meeting in Newburg, Ia., conducted by Elder D. Long, and Elder I. Ossman. She was baptised during the same meeting by Elder I. Ossman, and has lived a consistent Christian life ever since, as was evidenced at the time of her passing, when near the end she threw up her hands, and seemed to be answering a beckoning call, and at another time her face was illumined as she seemed to see a vision of wondrous glory, and there came an expression of peace and serenity. And as she was rational even to the last, Mrs. Cox holding her hand asked her if she saw something beautiful? Praise the Lord for the passing of the Saint of God. And in life, thou wilt 'keep' Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.

Mrs. Cook with her husband and 4 children migrated to Holt Co., Nebraska in the year 1876 or near that time when there was no one living there, but wild Indians and she shared in the privations and inconveniences of a new country. She also taught the first school in Holt county, and kept the first post office, as Mr. Cook was blind at that time and this duty fell to her lot to perform, which she did in an efficient manner.

She was married to Charles C. Stone also a Civil War veteran, Nov. 5th, 1924, who preceded her in death June 6, 1926.

She leaves to mourn 8 children, 21 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild, besides a large number of friends and acquaintances. Six grandsons acted as pall bearers.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. E. Hilderbride of Grundy Center pastor of the Church of God at Newburg. The services were held from the Church of God at Newburg Thursday afternoon.

Three selections, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "No Disappointment in Heaven," and "Asleep in Jesus" were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Phillips of Conrad, Iowa.

Interment was in the Hickory Grove cemetery west of Newburg.