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AS PIONEER OF GILMAN VICINITY

Ara J. Sutherland died March 9 at Home of Daughter, Mrs. G. P. Wyckoff in New Orleans.

HER LONG LIFE WAS
FILLED WITH GOOD WORKS.

First School Teacher in Town Of
Gilman And Married a Pioneer
Merchant There.

Ara J. Rogers was born at South-
port, N. Y., June 14, 1848, and died in
New Orleans, La., March 9, 1924, aged
years, 8 months and 25 days.

At the age of ten years she came
with her parents to Toledo, Iowa,
where she attended school. Later she
taught school for seven years in Tole-
do and Tama. In the spring of 1871
she came to Gilman and was the first
school teacher in this town. On No-
vember 9, 1871, she was married to
Howard Sutherland, a pioneer mer-
chant of Gilman, who for forty-seven
years was in the same hardware busi-
ness. To their home were born four
children: Florence, wife of Prof. G.
Wyckoff of New Orleans; Ray Hib-
bard Sutherland; a son who died in
infancy; Marjory, wife of Prof. Rich-
mond Wheeler of Berkeley, Calif. Mr.
Sutherland passed away May 9, 1917.
Mrs. Sutherland united with the Con-
gregational church when she was
twelve years old. She always loved
work for and with all the branches
of the church, being a teacher in the
Sunday School of the Gilman church
for fifty-three years.

After the death of her husband, Mrs.
Sutherland spent her time with her
daughters, Marjory in Cedar Rapids
and with Mrs. Wyckoff in Philadel-
phia, again coming to Iowa and stay-
ing with friends and relatives in Des
Moines, Grinnell and Gilman. In 1921
she went to live in New Orleans with
Mrs. Wyckoff, but made several visits
north and to California, finally return-
ing to New Orleans where she re-
mained until her death.

Wherever she lived, from youth to
the very last days of her life, Mrs.
Sutherland was always actively inter-
ested in religion and in all good works.
Besides this, she was also interested
and took part in club and social af-
fairs, as well as all things that were
for civic betterment. Her gift for
forming friendships was most unusual
and her hundreds of friends, neighbors
and pupils will rise up to call her
blessed. Her life passed away Sunday
evening just as the vesper bells were
singing out her favorite hymn, "Abide
With Me, Fast Falls the Eventide."

Thus closes another life—and an-
other saint of God has passed on into
the joys of her reward.

The following memorial, which was
composed by Mrs. J. B. Ramsey, was
read by her at the meeting of the Gil-
man Woman's Club at the Mrs. R. A.
Ounkle home Friday:

"Sometimes in this busy world we
are called upon to pause a little, while
some dear friend passes through the
portals to the great beyond. Thus it
was when on March 9, 1924, just as
the evening chimes were playing
her favorite hymn, 'Abide with Me,
Fast Falls the Eventide,' our friend,
Mrs. Sutherland, heard the voice of
her Master. 'It is enough; come home.'

"The Gilman Woman's Club will
feel keenly the loss of this loyal friend.
Mrs. Sutherland was one of the char-
ter members when this club was or-
ganized in 1895. She was for many
years the president, and when not ac-
tually serving in that capacity her ad-
vice and help were often sought and
always cheerfully given. Many times
we have heard her say, 'We must make
our club stand for something really
worth while.' Her life will be an in-
spiration to every one of us because it
was a life filled with love and service.

"A very fitting tribute was paid to
her by the 1921 senior class of the
Gilman high school when their annual
was dedicated to Ara Rogers Suther-
land, in grateful appreciation of her
high ideals and pioneer work."

"This club is better for her having
been a member. To the members of
her family the club extends love and
sympathy."

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. P.
Wyckoff, the body arrived here Wed-
nesday morning of last week. The or-
iginal plan was to take the body to the
R. H. Sutherland home, east of town,
and hold the funeral services on the
lawn, but owing to the cold weather
this was abandoned and the body tak-
en to the Congregational church, from
where the funeral was held at 2:30 p.
m. Rev. J. N. Lierly had charge of the
services and Prof. J. D. Stoops of
Grinnell paid tribute to the memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, and Mrs. J.
B. Ramsey read the poem, "The Happy

Dead" of which Mrs. Richmond Wheel-
er of Berkeley, Calif., is the author.
Despite the terrible conditions of the
roads, many were present at the fu-
neral. The floral offerings were many
and beautiful.

In attendance from a distance were:
Prof. and Mrs. G. P. Wyckoff of New
Orleans, La.; Mrs. J. F. Wittman and
baby, Ft. Dodge; Mrs. Anna Lindsay,
Galva, W. A. Dexter, Toledo; Mr. and
Mrs. J. H. Smith and daughter, Miss
Gretta, Prof. J. D. Stoops, Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Morrison, Mesdames M. C.
Sutherland, P. El Somers, B. J. Ricker,
Fannie R. Morrison, Stella Bartlett,
Grinnell; Lacey J. Patterson, Mar-
shalltown.—Gilman Dispatch.