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Rachel Hall Thompson, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hall of Montezuma, was born July 13, 1868, in Rock Island county, fil., and passed away Jan. 9, 1950, at 6:15 a. m. in the St. Francis hospital in Grinnell, which she had entered five days before. Her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren had spent New Year's day with her in her home, an occasion which she greatly enjoyed. She had passed her 81st birthday and was always cheerful and had a kind word for all who knew

her. She was a loving mother and wife.

She is the last of a family of six. When a girl she moved with her parents to a farm seven miles northeast of Montezuma, where she spent her school days and was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal church. On February 7, 1894, she was united in marriage with John Thompson of Grinnell and they settled on a farm in the Bethel community.

To this union four children were born, Alexander, who died in infancy, Mary, John and Edward. This was their home until they moved to 822 Center street in Grinnell in 1942. Her husband preceded her in death Dec. 22, 1947.

Those left to mourn her passing are the three children, Mrs. Harvey Brown of Lynnville and John, Jr., and Edward of Grinnell, ten grandchildren, eight greatgrandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the James funeral home Wednesday afternoon, with burial in Bethel cemetery. The hymns, "Going Down the Valley" and "Rock of Ages" were sung. Pallbearers were Robert Bennett, Robert Arthur, Kenneth Criswell, Leonard H. Brown, Floyd R. Brown and Evan Johnston.

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