

# LONG, HAPPY AND USEFUL LIFE ENDS

6-44-4-1924  
Miss Harriet Eliza Thomson Passed  
Away Wednesday Morning Aged  
95 Years.

## FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Interment Was in the Chester Cemetery—Miss Thomson Lived Long  
in This Community.

A singularly long, happy and useful life came to an end with the passing of Miss Harriet Eliza Thomson Wednesday morning, April 2nd. She came of that sturdy New England stock which has contributed so much to the upbuilding of our community. She was born in Springfield, Vt., on November 4, 1828, so that at the time of her death she was past ninety-five years of age.

Early in life she was a public school teacher but it was not long before she began caring for the home of one and another of her relatives who were in need, a service which she continued for most of the remainder of her life. When her mother died she kept the home for her father and later when her brother, Henry's wife died, she cared for his motherless children.

In 1879 she came west to Grinnell, drawn here by the presence of her brother James and his family, and a number of cousins. For a time she kept the home for her cousin, Mrs. Susan Shaw in the house on Main St., which stands just south of the Washing Machine factory. Later when her brother's wife failed in health she went out to Chester to help in the

Whatever Miss Thomson attempted to do, she did remarkably well, whether it was preparing a meal, entertaining a friend, singing a solo or acting in the place of mother to her nephews and niece. She united with the church early in life and was a true and happy Christian all her days. She has been a member of the Congregational Church here since 1881, and for a number of years sang alto in the quartet of which Mrs. George Christian and Mr. John Walker were members.

She was a constant and appreciative reader, especially of church and missionary periodicals. Those who have called on her in these later years have often remarked upon her alert mind and her uniformly cheery spirit. Her enjoyment of music continued to the last. When the time came to seal up the book of her life she was quite ready to go. So passes to the reward of the true and unselfish one whose whole life has been a glad and beautiful ministry.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the home on Broad street by Rev. E. W. Cross. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer, Miss Stella Bartlett, Fred Morrison and F. W. Cowles, with Mrs. C. N. Smiley at the piano. Pall bearers were; A. D. Talbott, Claire Manatt, J. A. Stone, Dr. L. G. Lemley, A. W. Child and G. H. McMurray. Interment was in the Chester cemetery, where Rev. H. I. Wissler conducted services at the grave. Pall bearers were Maynard Sears, Elmer Rickard, Clyde Foster, Ralph Sherman, Henry Stahl and Edgar Harris.