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## Mrs. Watson Dies at 97 <sup>8/16/47</sup>

Funeral services for Martha Watson, 97, who died Wednesday, Aug. 16, at her home in Searsboro, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Steffy Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the Rev. Lester Hall officiating.

Soloist was Mrs. Edward Snook, and organist was Miss Ann Hubbard. Pallbearers included LeRoy Watson, Alvah Watson, Leo Watson, Lewis Watson, Joe Watson, and Robey Watson. Burial was in the West Liberty Cemetery east of Searsboro.

The daughter of Alvah and Mary Agnes Pratt, she was born July 23, 1875. She attended school in Montezuma, graduating with the class of 1893. She taught in rural schools in Poweshiek County for several years.

On Dec. 13, 1896, she was married to Fred C. Watson. The couple had seven sons and three daughters; one son died in infancy. They established their home near Searsboro and farmed in the area for many years. Mrs. Watson served on the Searsboro School Board for 12 years.

After the death of her husband in 1947, Mrs. Watson remained in her home and was cared for by her children.

Survivors include her three daughters, Ethel Ida Watson, Viola Watson, and Mrs. Alice Johnson, all of Searsboro; six sons, LeRoy, Leo, Alvah, Lewis, and Joe, all of Searsboro, and Robey of Montezuma; 27 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

(Fred C.)