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Mrs. D. B. Westlake.

(Menlo correspondence of the Stuart News):

Old friends here and in this vicinity were surprised last week to hear of the death of Mrs. D. B. Westlake at the home of her son Harry in Grinnell.

Elizabeth Sayre, daughter of Jonas Sayre, was born at Horseheads, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1829. She grew up there and at that place was married to Dan'l B. Westlake, Feb. 25, 1857. They became the parents of two sons, Harry B. and Wm. C., who are both living.

In the fall of 1869 they moved to Iowa, locating at Menlo, then Guthrie, and were for many years residents of this place.

Mr. Westlake passed away here on Jan. 21, 1894, but Mrs. Westlake still made her home here for a time. For a number of years she has lived in Grinnell, for the last few years in the home of her son Harry, who, with his wife has given her every care. She lost both her hearing and eyesight and had been sick during most of the past winter. She is the last of her family. Her death occurred on May 31, 1916, at the age of 86 years, 6 months and 2 days.

Mrs. Westlake had been for the most of her life a member of the Presbyterian church, but when she went to Grinnell united with the Congregational church there. She was descended from French Huguenot ancestry and her people were always active in the work of the church, and her husband also, he being a ruling elder for many years.

In Mrs. Westlake, the domestic arts were exemplified. She was an exquisite housekeeper, a fine cook and an expert needleworker. Most hospitable, she made her friends welcome to her home. While her friends miss her, we are glad she is released from the burdens and ills of life.

The funeral was held at the home of her son Harry in Grinnell on Thursday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross of the Congregational church.

The burial was in Menlo cemetery beside her husband, Friday morning, the pallbearers being Messrs. L. Maxwell, F. L. Cottrell, Geo. Sanborn, M. L. Grant, W. B. Genung and H. W. Kellogg. Rev. Wm. Mack, pastor of the Presbyterian church conducting the service.

Among the relatives and friends from out of town in attendance were her sons, H. B. Westlake, Grinnell, and W. C. Westlake, Des Moines, Mrs. A. H. Sayre, Guthrie Center, R. M. Sayre, A. S. Raber and wife, Mrs. O. E. Bates and Emma Richardson, Stuart, beside a company of old Menlo friends.