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Maria Lightner was born in Huntington County, Pa., Dec. 26, 1828 and died in Grinnell, Iowa, October 29, 1904. When quite young her parents moved to Mercer County, Pa., where she grew to womanhood. She here professed her faith in the Savior and united with the Free Presbyterian church of Clarksville, Pa., while always trusting in the faith which has sustained her through months and years of suffering. She has never united with any church since her removal to Iowa.

On October 2, 1851 she was married to Abner Woods of Clarksville, Pa., and there they made their home until March 1864 when they moved to Chester, Iowa, coming to Grinnell in 1877. Of the six children born to them, five are living. The husband and father died in April 1894, the eldest son in May 1897.

Mrs. Woods was a kind hearted woman ready to respond to every call for sympathy and help. She was a constant attendant at church as long as health permitted. She was held in esteem by all her neighbors for her tender christian sympathy and affection.

She was a loving mother and an ideal home maker. Her children rise up and call her blessed.

(Abner)