

LOOKING BACK

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Early resident buried here

**Mrs. Jannette Barnes died at Marshall, Mich., Friday
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Mrs. Jannette Barnes, aged 87, a resident of this city many years ago, passed away at her home in Marshall, Michigan, last Friday of illness due to her advanced age. The funeral was held at Marshall on Monday and interment was made in Hillside cemetery in this city Tuesday afternoon, with a short service at the grave, in charge of Rev. B.L. Weaver of the Methodist church.

Mrs. Barnes, whose maiden name was Jannette Mead, was born in Pennsylvania in 1836. She was united in marriage to Wm. Barnes and in 1856 they moved west, settling at Rhodes. Seven years later they moved to State Center, where Mr. Barnes was the first station agent for the Northwestern Railway at this point. That they were among the first residents of this city is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Barnes built the first frame building erected in State Center on the lot where the Commercial Hotel now stands. Mr. Barnes was also the owner of the land on what is now Hillside cemetery and donated this land to the community for cemetery purposes. His mother was one of the first to be buried in the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes resided here until about 1880 when they moved to Vail, later going to South Dakota, and from there to Chicago, where Mr. Barnes died in 1901, and was buried in the local cemetery.

After the death of Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Barnes made her home a large part of the time with her sister in Marshall, Michigan, and it was there that her death occurred Friday. In addition to the sister, she leaves one son living, J.S. Barnes of White Lake, South Dakota.