

Belt, Mary E. d. 10-13-1913

Mary Emily Holtsclaw was born in Jasper county, Iowa, Nov. 7, 1858, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, October 13, 1913, age 54 years, 11 months and 6 days.

She was married to George W. Belt, Nov. 1, 1874. To this union were born William T. of Oklahoma City; Clarence who died April 15, 1883; Mrs. Ada B. Burton of Dayton, Ohio; Earl C. of Des Moines; Floyd J. of Oklahoma City.

Her husband, Geo. W. Belt died in Collins January 29, 1902.

Her sisters living are Mrs. Anna Billings, Cumberland, Iowa; Mrs. Ida Fuller of Byron, Ill.; Mrs. Della Heb-

ert of Hazeldell, Oregon. Her brothers living are Charles Holtsclaw, Fortesque, Mo.; Edward Holtsclaw of Illinois.

The funeral was held in the Methodist Protestant church of Collins Thursday October 16. Rev. Fred McGlumphy presided and preached the sermon. His text was from Revelations, "There is no night there," and from it he conveyed to the mourners words of christian cheer and comfort. A special choir sang appropriate selections. The floral tributes were very beautiful. The service was attended by many of the former neighbors and old friends of deceased, who was sincerely esteemed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Belt was a good neighbor, a true friend. Her home life was exemplary. She was loved by her family, all of whom living were present at the funeral. They have the sincere sympathy of all our people in the great loss they sustained by her death. Rev McGlumphy's quotations in his sermon were truly applicable:

"All that I am or ever hope to be I owe to my mother."

"I am what my mother made me."

"One ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy."

"Mother's love is the golden link which binds youth to age."

Among other relatives of deceased present at the funeral were Mrs. R. J. Belt of Waterloo and daughter, Miss Fern Belt.

The interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. The pall bearers were B. L. Mead, J. M. Hall, Oscar Anderson, W. H. Thompson, A. S. McCord, Chas. Todhunter.

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BELT, Mary E. (Mrs. George)

Death of Mrs. Geo. Belt

A former citizen of Collins for many years, Mrs. Mary E. Belt, died at Mercy Hospital Des Moines at 10:20 a. m. last Monday. Her son, Earl C. Belt, lives in Des Moines and she had been visiting him when she took sick. Her son William from Oklahoma arrived at the hospital Saturday night; but, while she was then alive, she was unconscious. She was born south of Collins and her age was about fifty-five years.

The remains arrived in Collins today and the funeral is being held this afternoon in the M. P. church.

Mrs. Belt was sincerely esteemed by her former neighbors and friends in Collins. They deeply regret her death and sympathize with the bereaved ones.

The funeral of Mrs. George Belt, this afternoon in the M. P. church, is being attended by relatives, all of whom were former residents of Collins: A. G. Belt arrived from Hawarden yesterday. Mrs. R. J. Belt and daughter Fern arrived from Waterloo this morning. The children of deceased arrived this morning, viz: W. T. Belt from Oklahoma City; Mrs. Ada Burton from Dayton, Ohio; Earl Belt and Floyd Belt and wife from Des Moines; who accompanied the casket to Collins.

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