Sarah Black was born in County Carlow, Ireland, July 16th, 1825, and died in Collins, Story county, Iowa, November 8, 1901, aged 76 months and 24 days. She came to this country with her brother when she was 18 years of age. She married James Black, Dec. 10th, 1850, at Elizabethport, New Jersey, living there until 1856, when they moved to Lee county, Ill. There they lived until the death of her husband, which took place December 25, 1901. Since then she has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Marsh, of Story county.

Deceased was the mother of ten children, seven of whom survive her. They are Wm. Black and Susan Thier of Lee county, Illinois, James Black of Decatur county, Iowa, Mrs. Sarah Noe of Lake View, Iowa, Mrs. Lottie Mead of Smith county, Kans., Mrs. Hattie Cooper and Mrs. Edith Marsh of Story county, Iowa.

The deceased children are John Black, who died June 15, 1895, and Jennie and George, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Black was baptized in the church of England and died in her Christian belief.

Those present at the funeral from a distance were Susan Thier and son George of West Brooklyn, Ill., and Sarah Noe and daughter Gladys of Lake View, Iowa.

The funeral service was held at the M.P. church, Collins, Sunday afternoon. Rev. M. Kalg, pastor of the church, preached the sermon, a heart felt discourse that was appropriate to the occasion. The church was well filled with neighbors and friends of the bereaved daughters.

The floral tributes were beautiful. A special choir rendered appropriate music.

The pall bearers were Jno. Thompson, Ira Campbell, L. Tipton, Jacob Crouch, Hugh Graef, J. T. Stanton.

The interment was at the Collins cemetery.

The deceased is held in reverence by her sorrowing children and by all who knew her. She was a devoted, true mother and her loss to the bereaved is hard to bear. Although long under the rod of affliction by sickness, she bore her sufferings with Christian resignation and fortitude and has left behind her a memory of a good and true life.