Funeral Services Held at Collins For Mrs. Brannin

Colins, Feb. 24—Funeral services for Mrs. Maria Wilheliminna Brannin were held at the United Brethren Church, Collins, Wednesday afternoon following a position in the home of Mrs. Mary M. Noring at 1:30. Mrs. M. M. Noring in charge of Rev. A. C. Marston. The music was furnished by Miss Glenna Norg, Miss Louise Lobban, Mrs. Mil- la Nording, and Mrs. G. B. Nelson who sang before the sermon. "Blessed is the Man" by "Glad" and at the conclusion of the services, "Safe In the Arms of Jesus." The pallbearers were Glenn Norg, Vernita Norg, William Norg, Charles Callahan, Ray Freeset, and Ray Kohlbeck. Interment was at the cemetery located at Kelly, Iowa. The following obituary was read:

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Those who were close to Mrs. Brannin often remember hearing her tell of the adventures that befell her and her family during their trip to the west. Her father and the brother and two sisters of her mother died of smallpox en route to this state. In Baptist Church, for the first few years of her marriage, and her conversion and certifi- cation of her faith was done on those old records. That winter her father learned that his wife had been taken from him. He left Iowa in the spring of 1878 and traveled back to his home in Illinois. On her return trip, she and her children, who were the last of the Indian tribe of the Collins family, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, pre- cede her in passing.

William Noring and Ray Presley, two of the grandsons, and the two sisters — as they were known — at the Bethany cemetery at Collins, Iowa. Many out of town relatives and friends were present at the service.

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On March 18, 1924, Joseph Brannin died in Collins. Mrs. A. M. Brannin came to Collins to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. M. M. Noring.

After several weeks of illness, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, 1924, Mrs. A. M. Brannin died in Collins. The body was conveyed to Collins, Illinois by Mrs. A. M. Brannin who had been in charge of Rev. A. C. Marston. The music was furnished by Miss Glenna Norg, Miss Louise Lobban, Mrs. Mil- la Nording, and Mrs. G. B. Nelson who sang before the sermon. "Blessed is the Man" by "Glad" and at the conclusion of the services, "Safe In the Arms of Jesus." The pallbearers were Glenn Norg, Vernita Norg, William Norg, Charles Callahan, Ray Freeset, and Ray Kohlbeck. Interment was at the cemetery located at Kelly, Iowa. The following obituary was read:

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