

## Funeral Services Held at Collins for Mrs. Burney 1941

Collins, Sept. 3 — Funeral services for the late Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Finch-Burney, who passed away at her home in Collins on Wednesday, Aug. 28, were held at the family home on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 31, at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Chas. Fix, pastor of the local Methodist church, in charge.

Miss Elizabeth Hofler presided at the piano as accompanist for Mrs. L. M. Hall, who sang two favorite songs of the deceased, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Sun of My Soul."

The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful and were in charge of Mrs. K. W. Tomlinson and Mrs. O. N. Serbein. Mrs. H. R. Sokol met and seated the friends and neighbors who gathered to pay a final tribute to one who had spent so much of her life in their midst.

Pallbearers were from among her near neighbors, namely Ray Tiffany, H. R. Sokol, Wm. Carver, L. M. Hall, K. W. Tomlinson and Frank Holland. Interment was in the family lot in Evergreen cemetery at Collins.

The following obituary was read by the pastor:

"Jane Elizabeth Finch Burney, only daughter of Thomas Alexander and Selneh Finch, was born on July 6, 1857, in Cullentrugh, County Armagh, North Ireland, and died at her home in Collins, Ia., Aug. 28, 1941, at the age of 84 years, 1 month and 12 days.

"On Oct. 7, 1884, she was united in marriage to William Burney of Glasgow, Scotland. The ceremony took place in the Episcopal church in Drumbanagher, Ireland. They made their home for two years in Glasgow, Scotland before coming to America, where they settled in Newton, Ia.

"To this union five children were born, namely Mrs. Mary Florence Ozias of Hamilton, Ia., Mrs. Lena Vasey of Ames, Alice Wydell Burney of Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt of Cedar Falls, and William J. Burney of Iowa City.

"In 1896, the family moved to Collins, where they made their home, with the exception of ten years spent in Des Moines, until she was called in death.

"At an early age, Mrs. Burney was confirmed in the Episcopal church in Ireland. While at Newton, she was affiliated with the Congregational church and after moving to Collins she transferred her membership to the Methodist church. Shortly after coming to Collins, Mrs. Burney and Mrs. S. A. Rush organized a Junior Epworth League, an organization that left an indelible imprint of Christian idealizations in the minds of countless young persons. In addition to the work with the Junior Epworth League, Mrs. Burney for years was the teacher of the Young Ladies' Sunday school class.

"All of her life she has been a faithful and loyal companion, a sweet, understanding and loving mother. Her husband, her children, her home and her church were her supreme interests. No sacrifice was too great, nor any request too small for her consideration.

"For the last two years she has been an invalid, a condition brought on by a fall resulting in a broken hip. At times she suffered extreme pain but she always cast it aside and endured it with courage and fortitude. Her faith was simple and unaffected, her belief in God and immortality was supreme. To know her was to know a person radiant with hope, an inspiration to every one.

"Mrs. Burney was for over 50 years a member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Newton. She could come within a month of being classified as a charter mem-

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### MRS. JANE BURNEY

Funeral rites for Mrs. Jane Burney, 84, who died at her home at Collins Thursday about noon, were held at her home there.

Mrs. Burney, who had lived in Collins and taken an active interest in the upbuilding of the community since 1896, with the exception of 10 years spent in Des Moines, was a woman of outstanding character and talent.

Born Jane Elizabeth Finch at Bullentrag county, Armagh, Ireland, July 16, 1857, a daughter of Thomas A. and Felenah Finch, she lived there as a girl and it was there that she was united in marriage to William J. Burney, October 7, 1884.

Two years later they came to America, locating first at Newton where they lived until 1898, when they came to Collins and Mr. Burney became editor and publisher of the local newspaper in which work he continued for many years.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Burney and all of them survive the parents. They are Florence Ozias of Hamilton; Lena Vasey of Ames; Alice Burney of Collins; Elizabeth Schmidt of Cedar Falls, and William Burney, Jr., of Iowa City.