

LOOKING BACK

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Miss Alice E. Dobbin pioneer resident of town dies suddenly March 18, 1948 State Center Enterprise

This community was saddened Tuesday by the sudden death of Miss Alice E. Dobbin, 80, who had been a resident of State Center during her entire lifetime. Although Miss Dobbin has been ill for about 10 days, she had improved in health and late Monday afternoon had walked up town. She apparently became acutely ill during the night and had passed away when found about six o'clock in the morning by Mrs. S.A. Zwilling with whom she had made her home for almost a year. Her passing was attributed to a heart attack.

Miss Dobbin was born February 9, 1868 at State Center, the daughter of John and Julia Dobbin. Her father, was the founder of the bank in 1869, that is now known as the Central State Bank. Her mother was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church here.

Miss Dobbin was educated in the State Center schools and was a member of the second class graduating from the local high school. She also attended Grinnell College.

In 1869, "Miss Alice", as she was affectionately known to a host of friends, entered the dry goods business with Susannah Milne. Following her partner's marriage, Miss Dobbin continued in the business by herself for a number of years.

She is survived by one brother, Walter of San Antonio, Texas; three nephews, James Wier Dobbin of Chicago; Freeman Dobbin of Wichita, Kan.; and John Dobbin of Atchison, Kan.; and two nieces, Dorothy Davis and Mildred Ball of Kansas City in addition to a number of cousins. Two brother, Fred L. and Ward, preceded her in death.