

Fuller, Margaret

d. 6-23-1929

Mrs. Margaret Fuller, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Mullihan, at their country home a few miles east of Collins, Sunday morning, June 23, was one of the early pioneers of Iowa, having been born in it while it was yet a territory. She was almost two and a half years old when Iowa became a state. Iowa City was its capital until she was twenty-two years old, when Des Moines gained that distinction. Margaret Ellison was born at Mount Pleasant, Henry county. Of the one hundred forty years of our national life she has been a citizen of this country for more than eighty-four years, or fourteen years more than half of the period. Her people came to Iowa Center when she was about two years old. This section of the state has been her residence ever since. She was sixteen years old when the Civil war broke out, and had most vivid recollections of those years of civil conflict. Her brother Charles, at the time a mere lad of sixteen, volunteered when the first call came. Later, her brother James also entered the service.

Margaret Ellison was married to Mr. Oliver Fuller, May 11, 1865. Six children were born to them. Two of these preceded her in death: Leroy in infancy and Eugene when grown to manhood. Her husband died Nov. 19, 1928. In 1915 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their companionship extended over sixty-five years. The four children who are living are J. W. Fuller, Kelley, Ia.; Mrs. George Richardson, Cambridge, Ia.; Mrs. J. S. Mullihan, Collins, Ia.; and Mrs. Chas. Legg, Salem, Ore. Sixteen grandchildren and thirty-one great grandchildren mourn her death. Two brothers and a sister share their sorrow: John Ellison and Asa Ellison of Iowa Falls, Ia.; and Mrs. Sue Nichols of Livingston, Mont.

Mrs. Fuller died early Sunday, June 23, after a brief illness of about six weeks. She had been in unusual health for one of her age. Since the death of her husband, she has made her home with her children. Every-

thing was done that loving care could do to her comfort.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Peter Jacobs, pastor of the Congregational church at Perry, Ia. Rev. Jacobs had personally known Mrs. Fuller while pastor at Cambridge, where she often visited her daughter Mrs. George Richardson. The services were held in the Methodist church at Collins, two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, interment in the Peoria cemetery. The large attendance of friends and relatives and the many floral tributes were evidence of the high esteem in which Mrs. Fuller was held. A quartet, John Witmer, J. G. Gingles, Mrs. O. H. Gearhart, Mrs. O. N. Serbein, with Mrs. Earl Robinson as pianist, sang three hymns.

Another pioneer has gone from our midst. Not many now living had the distinction of having a continuous residence in Iowa during all its period of statehood. Mrs. Fuller was greatly beloved as a mother and her kind motherly instincts blessed such a large group of grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was held in the deepest esteem as a neighbor and friend. She became a Christian when a girl of sixteen, uniting with the Methodist church at the time and continued in the faith of her childhood for a period of sixty-eight years.

The pall bearers were six grandsons, Oliver Richardson, Dale Richardson, Harry Richardson, Olvie Fuller, Truman Fuller and George Fuller.

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