

Catherine Clapper, Harsh

d. 12-20-1902

Obituary

Catherine Harsh Clapper was born near Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, August 30, 1825. She was one of a family of eighteen children, two of whom are still living, Geo. Harsh of California and Mrs. Mary Rothrock of Mitchellville. With her parents she moved to Stark county, Ohio, in the year 1832.

She was married to Harmon Clapper Sept. 7th, 1848. To them were born four children, Quimby, Eva, Beecher and William. Eva, Beecher and William survive their parents. Quimby died at the age of six months.

Harmon and Catherine Clapper moved to Hoagland, Ind., in 1854. From Hoagland they moved to their homestead in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, in 1858, where they resided until 1892, when they moved to Collins. They lived in Collins until May 1901, when they returned to the farm, where the venerable husband and father died, January 7th, 1902.

Mrs. Clapper was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church for a number of years. She joined this denomination when her age was 21 years. Later she united with the Universalist church at Mitchellville, and continued a loyal member of that communion until her death, which took place at the old home in Clear Creek township, Saturday morning, Dec. 20, 1902.

The funeral took place at the M. E. church, Collins, Sunday afternoon. The church was filled with old neighbors and friends of the departed. The pallbearers were J. E. Dickson, Jim Campbell, Geo. Tomlinson, John Cleverly, Dave Southern and Daniel Crocker. The casket was covered with floral tributes. A large choir sang appropriate selections. Rev. Payne of Nevada, an intimate friend of the Clapper family for many years, delivered the funeral discourse, and paid a warm tribute to the departed as a pioneer mother of Iowa, strong in mind and body, a real helpmeet to her husband, wisely devoted to her family, a true and trusty friend and neighbor. From such as she the greatness and grandeur of this commonwealth have sprung.

The interment took place in the Collins Cemetery, beside the grave of the deceased's life-long partner, Harmon Clapper.

The CLIPPER joins a large circle of neighbors of the deceased in sympathizing with the bereaved ones, who have lost their best earthly friend.

CARD OF THANKS.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks are given to all whose kindness and sympathy were given in our days of bitter pain and sorrow, as death approached and took away from us our beloved mother.

EVA WARRELL,
A. B. CLAPPER,
WM. CLAPPER.

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