

Cynthia Mead, daughter of James G. and Eliza Thurston-Mead, was born near Towanda, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1835, and passed away quietly from this life on Christmas morning at the home of her son, James, in Collins, Iowa, being aged 93 years, 5 months and 4 days.

She was the eldest of seven children and the last of them to survive, and at the time of her death was the oldest citizen of Collins.

On September 18, 1852, she was united in marriage to John Mead, to which union seven children were born, three of whom are living. Those preceding her in death are 3 sons who had grown to manhood, namely Frank, William and Charles; and an infant daughter. The surviving sons are James E. of Collins, with whom she made her home, George E. of State Center, Iowa, and Joseph C. of Raymond, Minnesota. She leaves also 17 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

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In 1853 she with her husband and other relatives moved to Ohio and in 1854 to De Kalb county, Illinois. Then in 1864 they came to Iowa and settled in Story county near the present town of Collins. They were one of the early pioneer families of the county and witnessed the growth of the town of Collins. Here Mr. Mead passed away November 30, 1886.

Mrs. Mead joined the Christian church about sixty years ago, at which time the church services were held at the Northwestern school house in Collins township. Her life has been one of Christian faith. One of her favorite Bible verses was "The Lord is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want." She has received strength and wisdom from God's word throughout her life.

Mrs. Mead, better known to all as "Grandma" Mead, was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a kind and helpful neighbor and friend. For many years she has patiently awaited her Master's call.

This is a wish she leaves with friends:

"Health and happiness as long as life shall last

And Heaven after death when life on earth is passed."

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, Rev. John Adamson in charge.

Pallbearers were: Fred and Glen Mead, grandsons; Lowell and Harold Carver, great-grandsons; and Wm. Fitzgerald, and Elmer Goodman, grandsons-in-law.

Songs were rendered by a quartet consisting of Mrs. E. H. Haas, Mrs. R. G. Patton, Glenn McCord and T. E. Huntrod, with Mrs. Earl Robinson at the piano. Miss Zola Gilley sang one song at the home preceding the church services.

She was laid at rest in Evergreen cemetery beside her husband.