

Mead, Eleanor d. 2-16-1942

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### Death of Mrs. George Mead

Mrs. Eleanor Mead, 84, widow of the late George E. Mead of State Center, who died Feb. 16, and a member of one of the pioneer families in Story county, died at one o'clock Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer H. Goodman in State Center. Mrs. Mead had been in poor health for some time. Death was the result of a stroke suffered a week ago.

Mrs. Mead was born Dec. 29, 1857, at Findley, Ohio, a daughter of George and Lavina Van Baskirk Downing. Her mother died when Mrs. Mead was 11 years of age and she came to Iowa in 1872 with her father, who was one of the early settlers in Story county near Collins. She married George E. Mead at Nevada, April 12, 1887, and together they celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in State Center in 1941. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Mead lived in Zearing, but in 1910 they came to State Center, where Mr. Mead died Feb. 16, 1942. Mrs. Mead was a member of the Methodist church and Joan of Arc Chapter of the United States Daughters of the War of 1812, a patriotic organization.

Mrs. Mead is survived by four brothers of a family of eight children. These are Ellsworth Downing, Collins; Grant Downing, State Center; John Downing, Lamar, Colo., and William Downing, Santa Ana, Calif. She also is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Elmer H. Goodman of State Center, one grandson, Delos Goodman, and two great grandsons, Donald and John Goodman, all of State Center. A granddaughter, Eleanor Fave Goodman, died Oct. 29, 1938. Two sisters and one brother, Mary Amanda Williams, Nancy Jane Day, and Thomas Downing, all of whom lived at Collins, preceded her in death.

Funeral services are being held at the Methodist church in State Center at 2:30 this (Thursday) afternoon.