

Middleton, Eleanor (Mrs. John)

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Obituary

Mrs. John Middleton died at Sycamore.

Mrs. John Middleton is dead at age of 82 years. Pioneer here and mother of nine children died on Tuesday evening at home of her son Robert Middleton. Mrs. Eleanor Middleton nearly 82 years of age, for over 60 years a resident of the vicinity of Sycamore and the mother of nine children, died at about 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening while on a visit to her son, Robert Middleton, 832 De Kalk avenue, this city.

Eleanor Varty, daughter of Daniel Varty and Margaret (Harrison) Varty, was born at Kendall, Westmoreland, England, on May 6, 1836, and was there educated and confirmed in the church of England.

In 1855, when she was 19 years of age, she came with the family to the United States, and settled on a farm east of Sycamore where the father was engaged in farming. He also served as a preacher at intervals. Here the daughter was married on July 18, 1858, to John Middleton, and for many years they occupied a farm in Burlington township, Kane county, where their large number children were born and grew to lives of usefulness. Mr. Middleton departed this life on April 11, 1905, since which time Mrs. Middleton had made her home with her daughter Mrs. George Russel but passed considerable time with her other children. To Mr. and Mrs. Middleton were born nine children, five of whom survive, Mrs. Mary Slagy, of Collins Iowa; Robert Middleton, of Sycamore; Fred Middleton, of Burlington; Earnest Middleton of Charter Grove and Mrs. Geo. Russell of Sycamore. She also leaves surviving ten grandchildren, all living here except one grand-daughter Mrs. Arthur Torry of Collins Iowa, and two great grand-children Mabel and Winfred Torry also of Collins and her brother Robert Varty, of Sycamore.

Mrs. Middleton was a devoted mother whose ministrations will be greatly missed.

She was of a social cheerful disposition, enjoyed fair health and got much from life and gave much up to the time of her last illness.

The funeral services were held this Friday afternoon at one o'clock at the home of Robert Middleton, Rev. W. F. Huxford, pastor of the Sycamore Baptist church officiating. The interment was in the family lot in Burlington cemetery.