

## Funeral Services Held at Collins For Mrs. Manning

1942

Collins, Feb. 24—Funeral services for Marie Wilhelminna Branning were held at the United Brethren church here, at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon following a prayer service at the home of M. M. Noring at 1:00.

The services were in charge of Rev. A. C. Marston. The music was furnished by Mrs. Glenn Noring, Miss Louise Eubank, Mr. Milton Hale, and Supt. G. E. Holmes who sang before the sermon, "Beautiful Isle," and "Save By Grace," and at the conclusion of the services, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Pallbearers were Glenn Noring, Verne Noring, William Noring, Charles Callahan, Ray Prescott, and Ray Kabrick. Interment was at Bethany Cemetery at Kelly, Iowa. The following obituary was read:

Maria Wilhelminna Branning was born in Rockford, Winnebago county, Illinois, on June 2, 1864. Here she spent the happy years of her early childhood. In 1872, however, her father, Christian Wiistenberg, and the mother, Amelia, decided to cast their lot with the many settlers who were then leaving northern Illinois for the fertile prairies of Iowa.

Those who were close to Mrs. Branning often remember hearing her tell of the adventures that befell that little family—the mother and father and the brother and the two sisters—as they journeyed westward by covered wagon—the long hot days, the nights around the campfires, and of one event in particular, when an Iowa cyclone swooped down upon the little party, endangering their lives and their property. Later that year the family settled in Ja-

maica in Guthrie county, where Christian Wiistenberg broke the virgin soil and built his home.

On December 25, 1889, Maria Wiistenberg was united in marriage to Joseph Nelson Branning, a promising young carpenter of Jamaica. To this union were born three children: Lena Belle, Harry C., and Gertrude Marie. The years that followed were years of joy, years of sorrow, years of toil, years of blessing. Branning's work took the family many places—Jamaica, Perry, Wauke, Dallas Center, Rockford, Ill., and Kelly—all at one time or another were home, and held many precious memories in the mind of the mother and children.

Joseph Branning passed away at Kelly, March 18, 1924. The years that followed, Mrs. Branning spent with her children, who dearly loved her and provided for her every need. In 1934, when the M. M. Noring family came to Collins to live, Mother Branning came too. In her love and tender care for her children and grandchildren she held an estimable position of respect and affection. Four weeks ago she was taken sick, and on the Sunday afternoon of Feb. 15, at the age of 77 years, 8 months and 13 days, she quietly slipped away from this world to meet her loved ones over on the other shore. While still a girl, Maria Wiistenberg was converted at special meeting held in the old Jamaica United Brethren church, and her conversion and certificate of membership may still be found on those old records. But as those who knew her best along life's pathway will testify her life was the record that counted the most in her witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Branning leaves to mourn her passing, three children: Lena Belle Callahan of Lincoln, Iowa, Harry C. Branning of Story City, and Gertrude Marie Noring of Collins, nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Her sister and brother, one grandchild, and two great-grandchildren, preceded her in passing.

## Mrs. Marie Branning Dies Sunday With Burial on Wednesday

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Funeral rites will be held Wednesday at 1:30 at the Collins U. B. church, with Rev. Arthur Marsden in charge, after which the body will be taken to a cemetery a mile south of Kelley for burial.

Mrs. Branning leaves besides her daughter, Mrs. Nowning at whose home she died, a daughter, Mrs. Charles Callahan of Lincoln, in Tama county, Iowa, a son Harry Branning of Story City, 9 grand-children and the same number of great grandchildren.

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Funeral services for the late Mrs. Maria Branning, were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. M. Noring, on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18, at 1 o'clock, and at the Collins United Brethren church at 1:30. The Rev. Arthur C. Marston, pastor, brought the message.

A mixed quartet, composed of Supt. Glen Holmes of Story City, Louise Eubank of Mingo, Ruth Noring and Milton Hale of Collins, and accompanied by Mrs. C. R. Stone, sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Saved By Grace" and "Safe In the Arms of Jesus."

The floral offerings were arranged and cared for by Genevieve Geisler and Thelma Hale. Pall bearers were Charles Callahan of Ames, Glen Noring and Verne Noring of Collins,

William Noring and Ray Kabrick of Waterloo and Ray Prescott of Nevada. Interment was at the Bethany cemetery at Kelley.

Many out of town relatives and friends were present at the services.

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