Elizabeth Jane Bacus was born Sept 5, 1846; died at Rhodes, Iowa, June 23, 1911, aged 64 years, 7 months and 18 days. At an early age she united with the baptist church and has lived a consistent christian life. At the age of 22 she was united in marriage to Nathan Hart, the ceremony being performed at her home near Pleasantville, Dec. 22, 1868. This union was blessed with twelve children, three of whom have preceded her: Mary Louisa whose death occurred in 1880, also two infants. The living are Mrs. Chas. Stone of Maxwell, Iowa; Mrs. George Wichel, of Melbourne; Mrs. Samuel Beegley, of Cando, N. Dak.; Wilbur Yingst, of State Center; Mrs. George Wood of Crocus, N. Dak.; Mrs. George Blake of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Edward Smith of Colo, Iowa.

Besides these children and twenty-four grandchildren there is yet with us the aged husband and three sisters and four brothers. Where comes to us at this time a full realization of the sacrifices of true womanhood and noble motherhood. Hers was a life of sacrifice and its reward will be found in the appreciation by emulation of those same noble traits by those she left behind. There is nothing in the power of man to soothe the sting of death. That is found in faith in God. To those who mourn this day I can truly say that the same merciful God, her God, offers to you the same grace that was hers.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the M. P. church in Rhodes, Iowa, Sunday June 25, 1911.

Rev. S. B. Clark, Pastor.

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