

## **ANSWERS LAST SUMMONS**

### **Mrs. Wm. (Cynthia) Murphy Passes Away at Mendota Hospital, Funeral Friday.**

**February 25, 1856 – June 1903**

A shadow of gloom was cast over the entire community on Wednesday morning last by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Cynthia Murphy, which occurred at the Mendota hospital at 2 o'clock that morning. Suffering from mental derangement and weakened physically from long years of ill health, it was known that she could not long endure the terrible strain under which she labored unless some change for the better soon took place, yet anxious relatives and friends had all along hoped for the best and the news of her sudden death came with crushing force to the loved ones left behind. She had been at the hospital but a little more than two weeks when the end came and she peacefully closed her eyes to the scenes of earth and passed on to the better land.

Cynthia Hutchens was born in Monticello on February 25, 1856, and her entire life had been spent in this vicinity. On January 1, 1878, she was united in marriage to Wm. Murphy who, together with one son, survives to mourn the loss of a kind and devoted wife and mother.

Mrs. Murphy was a woman who during her many years residence here, had earned the respect and gratitude of all with whom she came in contact. In early life she became closely identified with church work in which she continued faithfully up to the time of her death. She was imbued with the true christian spirit and was never so happy and contented as when engaged in work of a charitable and benevolent nature. Her many noble traits of character will linger in the memories of those who knew her best and her death removes from our midst one whose place will indeed be hard to fill.

Besides the bereaved husband and son she is survived by one sister, Mrs. E. A. Loveland, one half sister, Mrs. Melissa Braton, both of this village; and three half brothers, James Pratt, Monticello; O. P. Pratt, Tipton, Iowa; Sam Hutchens, who resides in California.

The remains were brought here from Mendota Wednesday afternoon and taken to the home of E. A. Loveland. The funeral was held from the Advent Christian church at 1:30 p. m. on Friday and a large concourse of sympathizing neighbors and friends were present at the last sad rites, The services were conducted by the pastor, Elder Bloom, assisted by Rev. Phelps of the M. E. church. The floral tributes from the neighbors and friends of the departed were numerous and served as fitting testimonials to her sterling worth.