

## **IN LAST LONG SLEEP.**

### **Mrs. Esther Ross Closes Her Eyes in Peaceful Slumber After Several Weeks Illness.**

**Feb 18, 1839 - Jan 20, 1904**

Death came to relieve the sufferings of Mrs. Esther Ross at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness of several weeks. She suffered from cancer of the throat and for some time past her condition has been such as to offer no hope of recovery and it had been considered only a matter of time when she must give up the unequal struggle and pass out into the mysterious beyond. Always a hearty and rugged woman, the sorrowful termination of her last illness was unlooked for at the start, and her death gives cause for universal sorrow. She bore her suffering with a fortitude worthy of the true Christian spirit and the end, when it came, found her fully prepared and resigned.

Esther Lewis was a native of Michigan, born at Hillsdale, on the 18th of February, 1839. In 1845 the family moved to Wisconsin and settled on the old homestead, three miles east of Monticello, where she grew to womanhood. On Nov. 12, 1858, she was united in marriage to John Ross, who died in the service of his country on July 12, 1862. She is survived by one son, D. C. Ross, of Meriden, Minn., and four grand children, also five sisters and two brothers.

The deceased was a firm believer in the teachings of the Scriptures and for years was one of the leading members of the Free Will Baptist church, being for a long time one of the trustees. Since the disruption of the Baptist church, some two or three years ago, she has been a constant attendant at the Advent Christian church. She was ever ready to lend a helping hand in any work of a benevolent or charitable nature and she will be long remembered by many by reason of kindly services rendered during times of sickness. Her desire was for other peoples good and her familiar form will be sadly missed by all.

The funeral was held from her fate home at 10 o'clock Friday morning and from the Advent Christian church one hour later. The services were conducted by Elder E. A. Bloom, assisted by Rev. York, of the M. E. church, and several appropriate selections were rendered by the choir. Many were present at the church to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed and the beautiful floral offerings in evidence bore silent testimony of her true worth.

Thus, in a very brief time, we are once more called upon to lay away another familiar form and another of our early settlers has passed away.