

Elizabeth M. Wallace

May 13, 1843 - 1935

Elizabeth M. Wallace Dies in Hawarden Native of Ireland Answers Summons in Iowa Home

Funeral rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Moore-Wallace, widow of the late William Wallace, were held in the Railroad avenue cemetery Saturday afternoon, the remains of the former resident having been brought "back home" for burial in the family lot, accompanied by her son, E. L. Wallace, Ames, Iowa, and daughter, Mrs. Edith Reddick, Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Wallace passed away at her home in Hawarden, Iowa, where she had made her home for many years since leaving Monticello. Her death is attributed to a stroke. Rev. A. R. Felts, pastor of the Evangelical church, conducted the services at the grave.

Native of Ireland

Elizabeth Moore was a native of Ireland, having been born in Knockaholet, county Antrim, May 13, 1843, the daughter of Joseph and Nancy Lynn Moore. She came with her parents to America at the age of 7 years, the family locating at Briner's bridge, New York, where they remained one year. They then came west to Wisconsin and located in Exeter township, a few miles northwest of Monticello, where the subject of this sketch spent the greater part of her life. For some years she followed the vocation of teaching.

Her marriage to William Wallace took place in Monticello on Sept. 13, 1864. For many years thereafter they made their home on the farm in Exeter township, now owned by Jacob H. Disch, and next to the district school which was named for the Wallace family.

After leaving the farm they spent some years in Monticello. Mr. Wallace passed away in 1909. For the past 30 years Mrs. Wallace had made her home in Hawarden.

Member of W. R. C.

The deceased was a member of the Community church and of the Women's Relief corps at Hawarden. She devoted much of her time to reading and was keenly interested in current events. She was familiar with pioneer life in this section and because of her great interest in the events of long ago, she was prompted to write a book some years ago, entitled "This Side the Gully," which dealt with the early history of what was known as the Irish Hollow settlement in Exeter township. Her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Maynard, also of Hawarden, was co-author. Incidents covering the period from the time the families left Ireland until years after they settled in Exeter township were recounted. The story was published serially in the Wisconsin Farmer.

Mrs. Wallace was the mother of 10 children, seven of whom are living. They are: E. L. Wallace, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Edith Reddick, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Lillian Maynard, Hawarden, Iowa; Mrs. Nina Jasmine, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Leslie Wallace, Weslaco, Texas; William Wallace, Idaho Falls, Ida.; Elden Wallace, Estherview, Iowa. One son, Joseph M. Wallace, died in April of this year in Michigan; Myrtie Evans passed away in Van Couver, B. C., and Effie died in infancy in Monticello.

Attending the funeral from out-of-town were Mrs. Nattie Richards, and Miss Louise Richards, Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Wallace and Mrs. Sadie Hein, Evansville; Mrs. Mary Johnson and Mrs. A. R. Felts, Freeport; Alonzo Lynn, Mrs. Jessie Duncan and Mrs. Baughman, Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Cerball Peterson and daughter, Doris, Racine.

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