

Mead, Charles W. d. 12-16-1913

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Charles Wilbur Mead, oldest son of John and Cynthia Mead, was born in DeKalb Co. Illinois, Dec. 5, 1855. He departed this life Dec 16, 1913 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bertha Carver near Collins, Iowa, his age being 58 yrs., 1 week, 3 days.

At the age of 9 years he moved with his parents to Story Co., Iowa, which place has since been his home. He was united in marriage Sept. 28, 1876, to Mary Ann Woodward. To this union seven children were born, six girls and one boy, namely: Eliza Pearl Cross, Bertha Leona Carver, Cynthia Mae Southern, Nellie Blanche and Mary Ellen Mead, all of Collins; and Elva Viola Woodward of Lexington, Neb. George Walter the only

son preceded him in death May 11, 1907. His wife died Feb. 18, 1894, and two brothers William and Frank at a later date.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his six children, his aged mother, three brothers, George of State Center, James of Collins and Joseph of Raymond, Minn; five grandchildren, besides many more relatives and friends.

The above obituary was read by the officiating minister, Rev. Fred McGlumphry, at the funeral in the M. E. church last Thursday afternoon. The building was crowded, many com-

ing from surrounding neighborhoods; deceased being well known and having a large circle of friends throughout the county. The floral tributes

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were beautiful. The choir with feeling rendered music appropriate to the occasion. Rev. McGlumphrey's sermon showed how short is life and that all must pay this debt of nature. He enjoined all to be ready for we know not when the last grim reaper may call for us. He recalled that the deceased had at several times expressed the desire that when death came, he hoped it would be quick. He was ready to go. His wish was answered. He was spared the long, painful illness that with many precede their death.

Deceased was a member of Crescent Camp, M. W. A. The funeral exercises closed with the ritualistic service of the order, led by G. F. Holland, V. C., and Advisor, Henry Stratton.

The interment was at Evergreen Cemetery. The pall bearers were A. L. Kennedy, Chris Harrington, Chas. Carver, J. W. McCord, D. V. Smith.

Deceased had a prominent personality. He was eager in politics and took a keen zest in the campaign. He was noted for many years for his physical strength and was, until but a few years ago, a typical Iowan in his great, strong manhood. During the past years his thoughts were given much to spiritual things. He loved religious services and received comfort in them. The bereaved ones,— mother and daughters, brothers and other of his relatives, mourn his departure with great sorrow. To them this community gives sincerest sympathy.