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MRS. CHARLES PORTER

Helen M. Sherman, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Bryan at Montezuma, Iowa, on Wednesday night, June 21st, was born at Madrid Springs, New York, January 17th, 1839. On December 28, 1859, she was united in marriage with Charles Porter. Mr. Porter volunteered for service in the army in November, 1863, and served till the close of the war. Receiving his discharge in 1865, he returned home and he and Mrs. Porter lived at the home farm near Farrisburg on Lake Champlain. In 1873 they moved to Iowa and located at Grinnell. There Mr. Porter died March 26, 1919, after sixty years of married life. After the death of the husband, Mrs. Porter came to make her home with her daughter.

Mrs. Porter was the mother of six children, of whom four survive to mourn her departure. The living children are, Mrs. Adelaide Benson, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Nellie Bryan, of Montezuma, Iowa; S. H. Porter, of Big Sandy, Mont.; Harry Porter of Choteau, Montana. Richard K. Porter died in 1874, and Mrs. Alice Porter Mankey, died in 1894. Mrs. Porter had also six grandchildren.

Mrs. Porter was a Christian woman, a member of the Baptist church at Grinnell, Iowa. For thirteen weeks she was confined to her room and most of the time to her bed. Feeling the weight of her years, and ready to go, she often remarked that she could not understand why the Lord did not take her. After her condition became much worse she weakened very rapidly. She died in the faith in the 84th year of her life.

The funeral occurred at 1:30 o'clock Sunday, June 25 at the Bryan home on West Jefferson street in Montezuma, Rev. Lloyd H. Lanning conducting the service, assisted by Rev. J. M. Hoffman. Interment was made in the cemetery at Grinnell. The body was laid tenderly to rest by the side of her beloved companion.

Mrs. Porter was a woman of rare attainments, of a strong and rugged family, and she did much to shape the character of her children in bringing them up to appreciate the best ideals in life and to follow those ideals.