

Emma Telford 9-8-1933 64 Preston Passes

Emma Telford, daughter of David and Martha Lowey Telford, was born in Decorah, Iowa, January 29, 1862.

Upon completing her education in the public schools and Breckenridge's Academy, she became a primary teacher in the Decorah schools where she continued to teach until her marriage to Dr. J. F. Preston on May 17, 1884. To this union five children were born: Ima P. Sauerberg of Castleton on Hudson, New York; James Randall of Detroit; Ruth Peebler, Fairfield; Martha Critchett, San Antonio, Texas and Roger Lee, Cedar Falls, all of whom survive her. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Eliza Randall of Mason City, and by ten grandchildren.

Mrs. Preston came to make her home in Grinnell, with her husband and children in 1907, and they soon built the home at 1217 Fifth avenue, where they lived until the recent death of Dr. Preston and Mrs. Preston's illness, which necessitated her removal to her daughter's home in San Antonio, Texas.

She was deeply interested in every good institution—church, public schools, civic welfare organizations, and the college, from which four of her children graduated.

She helped organize the first P. T. A. in Grinnell and was one of its early presidents, and was active for several years at the Uncle Sam's club and in the Goodfellow's club, and was a member of the Elizabeth Earle Magoon club.

Mrs. Preston's death will be mourned not only by her children, to whom she was the shining ideal of Christian motherhood, but to the many neighbors and friends to whom her beautiful character has endeared her.

She died in San Antonio on the afternoon of Sept. 5 at the home of her daughter, Martha, Mrs. E. D. Critchett, who has been caring for her since last November.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis, assisted by Rev. P. A. Johnson and Rev. Royal J. Montgomery. Mrs. Margery Bouma sang appreciated selections, "To All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest" and "My Saviour First of All." Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery. Pallbearers were A. M. Burton, Dr. O. F. Parish, E. M. Kearney, R. E. Bates, F. F. Clindinin and R. E. Work. Professor H. W. Matlack was at the organ.

Those present from out of town to attend the funeral were a son, Roger Preston and wife, from Cedar Falls, a daughter, Mrs. R. V. Peebler, husband and family, of Fairfield, Iowa, and a niece, Mrs. R. H. Klemme, husband and family, of Belmond.