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Elizabeth Jenkins Prosser

Elizabeth Jenkins, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Jenkins, was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, June 3, 1832. At the age of seven years she removed, with her parents to Indiana, her father dying enroute.

During her residence in Indiana, at the age of about nine years, she became a member of the Christian church. After having lived in Indiana about seventeen years, she and her mother and two brothers, Beth Jenkins and Nehemiah Jenkins, came to Iowa and settled in this part of the state, where she resided until the final summons came.

On April 16, 1858, she was united in marriage to William Prosser, of this county, and immediately after their marriage they went to housekeeping on a farm near Oak Grove, and lived there all their married life in this community. Mr. Prosser passed away about five years ago. No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Prosser, but many are the orphan and needy children who have been befriended by them.

Mr. and Mrs. Prosser lived helpful and useful lives. They were hard working, frugal people and acquired a great deal of land and property. The little church at Westfield is a monument to their generosity and interest in the community in which they lived. They, alone, built the Westfield church and its doors have always been open to any denomination or creed, and for any public meeting, funerals, entertainments, Sunday School and the like. Anyone was welcome to use the building so long as they treated it with proper respect and care.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Prosser left the farm and came to Grinnell, where she resided until her death, which occurred last Monday morning, June 11, 1917. Funeral services were held at her late home, conducted by Rev. S. R. Robinson, a long-time friend. Her body was laid to rest in the Westfield cemetery beside that of her life companion and near those among whom she lived and labored, sorrowed and rejoiced.

Beth Jenkins, a brother of the deceased, is the only survivor of a family of eleven children.

W. J. Prosser