

MRS. TOM WILLIAMS DEAD—ONE OF FRANKFORD'S OLD CITIZENS.

Mrs. Mary T. Williams was born near Springfield, Pike County, Mo., February 9, 1846, died in Boonville, Mo., January 11, 1917, at 10 a. m., at the age of 71 years, 11 months and 4 days. Had she lived until February 9, she would have been 77 years old. She was married to Thomas Williams, March 9, 1861, and lived happily in this union 22 years, 10 months and 4 days. To this union was born one son, C. G. Williams. She bears a husband, son, daughter-in-law, granddaughters, nephews, who was married December 26, 1914, to E. N. Bruce, of Chicago. Her son, Charles, brought her to Boonville, December 7, 1916, attended the wedding but on the eve of the wedding her condition became serious and she was not able to witness the ceremony, but grew gradually weaker. She also leaves three nephews: Tom Peak, Grant Peak and Walter Sutton, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Francis Howard, all of Frankford, Mo. She united with the white Methodist Church at Springfield, under Rev. Jesse Sutton, in 1888. She continued her membership in this church until she went into the organization of the A. M. E. Church, Frankford, Mo., by the Rev. Madison Corbin. She was an active and energetic worker in the Master's cause until the close of her life. It was her practice to keep every obligation of her church and to meet every financial requirement as laid down in its discipline. Mrs. Mat. Williams is the only surviving member of the above organization. She was a charter member of Hope Court No. 62, Frankford, Mo., and was its treasurer from that time until two years ago, when failing health caused her to resign the office. She was a great help to the community, always ready to respond to a call of distress, no matter by whom her when made. Her's was a life of service. In fact, Christianly meant service to her.

Her reputation for good deeds was not limited to the community in which she lived, but everywhere she was known. It was said of her "Her religion knew no race, but normally no bounds." Her's was truly a life worthy of emulation.

Weep not for her! Her memory is the shrine.
Of pleasing thoughts soft as the scent of flowers,
Calm as an undimmed eve the sun's decline,
Sweet as the song of birds among the bowers,
Rich as a rainbow with its hues of light,
Pure as the moonshine of an autumn night.
Weep not for her!

Weep not for her! There is no cause for weep;
But rather serve the spirit that it walk
Unshrinking o'er the thorny path below
And from earth's low defilements keep
Thee back.
So when a few fleet severing years have flown,
She'll meet thee at Heaven's gate and lead thee on.
Weep not for her!

Before leaving for Frankford for the funeral and interment, a short service consisting of prayer, scripture reading and singing was held at the house conducted by Rev. J. H. Allen, of the A. M. E. Church and Rev. H. W. Bates of the Baptist church. The funeral was preached at Frankford by Rev. B. C. Anderson. Hope Court No. 62 carried out their ceremony as prescribed. The large number of people present, both white and colored, and the many beautiful floral offerings attested the esteem in which she was held.

Those who attended the funeral from a distance were: Miss Sadie Houston, Wm. Shelby and H. H. Martin, undertaker of Boonville, Mo.; Mr. Fred Washington, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Bruce of Chicago; Fred Chas. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Edwards, of St. Louis; Mr. W. W. Fields, of Cameron, and Miss Dora Peak, of Elsberry, Mo.

Fannie et al from 1917 -Mary Williams obit



Clipped By:
jupiter1125
Fri, Aug 26, 2022