

Mrs. Sarah German

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Sarah E. Tucker was born July 23rd, 1841 on Section six in Brimfield Township Peoria County, Illinois, and died October 4th, 1930 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Deborah Nelson in Williamsfield, Illinois.

She was the daughter of John Tucker and Eleanor Metcalf Tucker, who had emigrated from Ohio and settled as pioneers just about the time the Indians were about to leave this part of the state. She was one of a family of ten children and the last of her generation.

She was married to Mark A. Mundy, January 1st, 1862. Mr. Mundy departed this life in July, 1866 leaving the widow and three children, William H. J. Sheridan and Mary C. Mundy Nelson.

In September 1869 she married Littleton A. German, who departed this life March 1886. She was again a widow with five other children, J. Allen German, deceased, Sarah E. Gordon, of Hamilton, Ohio, Deborah German Nelson and Littleton A. German of Williamsfield, Illinois and Earl E. German of Fowler, Illinois.

Mrs. German's last few years have been years of suffering but her kindly, gentle spirit never wavered. She is now at rest.

She therefore began her life in the midst of the trying times of the early pioneers. Schools were very scarce at this time, so that her opportunity for schooling was not good. However her uncle, Vachel Metcalf, who was a school teacher and a Methodist preacher, was active in school work as well as Church and Sunday School work in the vicinity.

At the age of sixteen she united with the Methodist Church at a camp meeting held in French Grove. She took great interest in Sunday school. Seldom was there any thing like Sunday School literature to distribute at that time and she has often told the children how delighted she was when she received her first Sunday School tract, so delighted she ran all the way home to tell and show it to her parents.

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She was a member of the Home Department of the Williamsfield M. E. Sunday School and much enjoyed the literature until her sight failed her some time ago and then her loved ones and others read it to her.

She leaves seven living children, fourteen grand-children, many other relatives and a host of long time and recent friends who will miss her going.

But with such a life not all is lost, Aunt Sarah has left with her children the memory of a sacrificing, kind, gentle and loving mother as a guiding star to the good life and the hope of a united and better life.

This sketch would not be complete without the following quotation from a letter to her from a young lady who in her childhood days, knew Mrs. German in her home: "My dear Mrs. German, as we grow older we go back in memory of our childhood days. Well do I remember your garden of blue bells and bleeding hearts and all through life when I see those two flowers I associate them with you. My loitering in your garden as a child on my return from the old Eugene School, the cookies you had baked and gave us, still remain fresh in my memory."

And a poem from another friend.

Gone Home

Asleep among the roses,
The lilies, tulips too.
That last sweet sleep, she's sleeping,
Mother dear, so fond and true.

Her spirit it has flown
To that land beyond the blue
Her work on earth is finished,
Mother dear, so fond and true.

We'll miss her loving presence,
We'll miss her loving face,
Tho Angels came and bobbed us
Mother dear had run her race.

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But her spirit, it will hover
Round her loved ones here on earth,
And she'll help to lead us onward, To the things that are of worth.

God bless our little mother,
May her welcome over there
Be as hearty as she'd wish it
In that land so bright and fair.

And we hope some day to meet her,
When we leave our house of clay,
And be joyous, aye, forever
In that land of Perfect Day.

funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday, afternoon at the Williamsfield M. E. Church in the charge of Rev. Varney Jacobs of Tremont, Illinois, a former pastor, who was assisted in the service by Rev. E. B. Morton. Service of song was rendered by Mrs. F. L. Regan and Mrs. Fannie Jacobs accompanied at the piano by Mrs. W. G. Johnson, the songs being "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", "In the Garden" and "We Are Going Down the Valley One By One."

The pall bearers were Mark Mundy, Marshall Mundy, William Aaron German, Clark Nelson, Aron German Jr. and Harold German, grandsons of the deceased.

Interment was in the Williamsfield Cemetery.