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**HUGH McWILLIAMS
 SUCCUMBS TO DEATH**

AGED PIONEER FARMER PASSES AWAY
 ON LAST FRIDAY.

FUNERAL SERVICES ON SUNDAY

For Nearly Half a Century He Was Known And
 Respected As One Of Our Best
 Beloved Citizens.

Mr. Hugh McWilliams, one of the earliest and sturdiest of Crawford county's pioneers, died at the home of his daughter at Woodbine, Iowa, on the morning of Friday, March 5th. For several days he had hovered on the narrow border line between the known and the unknown and he died with his loved ones gathered about him and ministering to him with tender hands. He had been in feeble health for a number of years, but had been able to be about until ten days before his death. On Saturday, February 27th, his children were called to his bedside and they remained with him until the end. The remains were brought to Denison and funeral services were held at the Methodist church, the Presbyterian church of which he was one of the founders in Denison being closed on account of repairs.

same year he and his brother came to Crawford county and settled on the beautiful farms along the Boyer valley just a few miles east of Denison. Here his wife died on June 23rd, 1860. Mr. McWilliams was remarried on January 30, 1862, to Miss Jane Graham.

On account of the Indian scare they, in common with many other settlers, left their homestead and returned to the more settled regions east of the Mississippi. In 1864, however, the redskins had forever been driven from the prairies and the Mc-



HUGH McWILLIAMS.

Williams family returned to the home they had left so hurriedly. From that time until 1903 Mr. McWilliams was an honored and respected resident of this county. The last years of his life were spent with his daughter, Mrs. A. Townsend, near Woodbine.

Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams were the parents of twelve children, six of whom survive their father, they are, Mrs. N. W. Nash of Denison, W. McWilliams of Wall Lake, Edith McWilliams of Omaha, Mrs. A. Townsend of Woodbine, Roy McWilliams of Valley Junction and H. D. McWilliams of Denison. He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his six children, his wife, one brother, James of Onawa, Iowa, six grandchildren, numerous other relatives and a host of old time and affectionate friends.

Mr. McWilliams was a devout Christian. He united with the Covenanters Church in Belfast, Ireland in early life. After coming to Iowa he united with the Methodist church until 1871 when the Luney family, the Smyths and the McWilliams founded together the Presbyterian church of Denison, a church which owes its existence here and which was supported for many years almost entirely by these devoted families.

He was one of the charter members of the church and was appointed an elder which office he held with honor during all the years of his residence here. He was one of the best and kindest of men, a loving father and husband, a splendid citizen, a faithful Christian and a man without reproach. Through good fortune and through ill, he was the same sweet-minded Christian gentleman and no eulogy can be too high to express the loveliness of his character. His going loosens another tie that binds Crawford to its early history and it is from the heart that we pay this tribute to one whom none can remember but with kindness.

We are glad to be able to present his portrait, which we hope many of our readers will preserve.

Among those relatives present at the obsequies besides the immediate family were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Whiting of Whiting, Iowa; Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Garrett of Sac City; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Healey of Oto, Iowa; Mrs. W. McWilliams of Wall Lake and Mr. Verne Townsend of Woodbine.

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN OLSON.

On Wednesday, March 3rd, occurred the death of Mrs. John Olson, a dear, kindly woman, who was greatly beloved by those who knew her. Mrs. Olson was born in Sweden Sept. 13, 1836, and came to this country in 1870. She leaves a husband, a brother and a sister in Sweden and three step-children to whom she was a kind and affectionate parent. They are Mrs. Lars Erickson, Mr. Orlando Olson and Mrs. Ed. Olson. Mr. Victor Hedman is a nephew. Funeral services were held at the home on Friday afternoon, a number of her Swedish-American friends being present.

**SAINT OF EARTH
 TAKEN TO HEAVEN**

MRS E S PLIMPTON DIES AT DES MOINES
 ON MONDAY LAST

WOMAN OF BEAUTIFUL LIFE.

Buried at Denison on Wednesday Afternoon
 From the Baptist Church of Which She
 Was a Faithful Member

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." These words of the great Apostle Paul could well have been on the lips of the sainted woman, Mrs. E. S. Plimpton, as death came to her at Des Moines, Iowa, Monday night, March 8th, and the hundreds of people who have come under her influence during her long life will say, seldom were words more fittingly used.

Mrs. Selina Jane Bond was born at Worcester, Mass., Dec. 28, 1837. In 1851 the family moved to Petersburg, Mich. Such were her capabilities that she taught the district school at the new Michigan home when but fourteen years old. In 1857 her brother, Albert F. Bond left the home and went to Iowa, locating in Crawford county. He settled on land five miles northwest of the town of Denison in the Big Creek valley and for years the location was called "Bondville." Another young man coming from the far east, Edward S. Plimpton, was with him and they "Kept Batch." In July 1858 Mr. Bond's sister, Selina, came out to keep house for him, and he met her at the end of the railroad far east of Des Moines with a wagon. They arrived here July 4th. A deep seated love seemed from the first to spring up between the young Mr. Plimpton and his partner's sister and they were married Oct. 12, 1858. Rev. J. W. Denison, founder of the city of Denison performing the ceremony.

In 1862 the young couple returned east and Mr. Plimpton engaged in the mercantile business with a relative in New York City. But the West still held attractions for them and in 1870 they returned to Denison and built for themselves the large brick house

on Church street, which for nearly thirty years after was occupied by them and became a landmark in the town. Mr. Plimpton entered into business and became the leading business man of the place. Thus began the home life in Denison of Mrs. Plimpton, one which was to have effect on the lives of its people for a century.

While not originally Baptists the Plimpton family became early connected with the church of that denomination in Denison. Mrs. Plimpton soon began to teach in the Sunday School, sing in the choir, take part in the prayer meetings, arrange for the social functions of the society. In the meantime she was rearing at the home a large family of children, the members of which have grown to take high rank in every station of life they have been called upon to fill. For many years she taught a class of girls in the Baptist Sunday School. These she advised about many matters aside from the lessons and they becoming in time heads of families have trained their children along the lines laid out by their teacher. In temperance work she stood at the very front spending her life energies for every good cause.

Some eight years ago the family having grown up, married and scattered Mrs. Plimpton and her husband moved to Salida, Col. There she continued active in the same work which endeared her to the people of Denison. Such persistent call on vital energies told in the end, and for some years she has not been well. About one year ago a malignant tumor began its growth. With her advancing years it was seen that an operation would certainly mean death and so this was not undertaken. She felt that her span of life was not long and therefore consented to visit her children in Iowa this winter. She was with Dr. William Plimpton at Glenwood, Dr. Robert Plimpton at Denison and Mrs. Carrie Fegtle at Des Moines. The closing days came with her beloved first born daughter, Carrie. Her husband came from Salida and William and Robert. She was fully conscious to the last, selected the pall bearers for the funeral, who should speak at the church in Denison, and died the triumphant death of the Christian.

The immediate relatives surviving are her brothers, Albert F. and A. J. Bond of Denison and George W. S. Bond of Eureka, California, her husband and six children, E. S. Plimpton, Jr., of Salida, Mrs. Carrie Fegtle of Des Moines, Mrs. Lillian Black of Centralia, Wash., Mrs. Elfreda Fisher of Tacoma, Wash., Dr. William M. Plimpton of Glenwood and Dr. Robert P. Plimpton of Denison.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. The hymns sang were selected by Mrs. Plimpton. By the request of the departed one there was no sermon, but the old and appreciative friends which she selected were asked to speak a few words. It was most touching when Mr. M. E. Jones, Sears McHenry, John Richardson and Mrs. Helen Cassidy in order told of the life at Denison of Mrs. Plimpton. We hope next week to print some of the words which they so truly said. The paper of Mrs. Cassidy was read by Mrs. LaReau. The pastor led in the exercises and the prayer was given by Rev. Senseney. The W. C. T. U. was present in a body and gave a special floral piece. The pall bearers were the Messrs. Lute Seemann, Lee Barber, Leon Cassidy, Halver Nurman, Marcus Jones and Charles Meyers. The relatives from away were E. S. Plimpton, William Plimpton of Glenwood, Rev. E. T. Fegtle and wife. The members of her class of girls gave a special floral piece. The scriptural selections read which she had chosen were the choicest verses of the bible, speaking immortality. It was universally said that no woman of Denison was a better and more helpful one than Mrs. Salina Plimpton.

Pastor Johnson of the German Methodist church, did not return from Garner in time to be in his pulpit on Sunday. He is now in the city, however, and will hold services next Sunday as usual.

Word was received today that Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McAhren of Kansas City lost their little girl, born to them on Friday. Our hearts bleed for them for we know how many bright hopes and loving plans will lie buried with little Virginia Grace.

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