

# Willa Vance

Occupant Name: Willa Vance

Location: **Section 3, Lot 8**

Date of Birth: 3/20/1889

Date of Death: 1/31/1929

Date of Burial: 1929

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: W. Ireland

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Ireland—Not within the past several years has the death of a young person in Brownstown been the cause of more widespread grief and sympathy than was occasioned by the untimely passing of Mrs. Willa Ireland, wife of W. W. Ireland, whose death occurred at the Methodist hospital, Indianapolis, Thursday afternoon at 3:15, where she had undergone an operation for gall stones.

Mrs. Ireland was taken sick Friday and on Monday was taken to the hospital. Not many knew of her serious condition and the message of her death came as an overwhelming shock not only to the relatives, but to a veritable host of friends. A short time before she passed away she said to her nurse, "Christ has spoken" and soon entered that sleep from which none awaketh.

Willa Vance Ireland was born in Brownstown March 20, 1889, and died January 31, 1929. She was the only child of William G. and Emma Vance. Her father died when she was five months old and from the time she was a little child she lived in the home of her grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. David Burr Vance.

She was graduated from the Brownstown high school with the class of 1908 and attended Butler university. She was an active member of the Presbyterian church, serving in the choir and using her talents in every line of christian service. At the time of her death she was president of the Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary. She was a member of the D. A. R., the We're Here Club and the I. W. W. Club and also took part in the co-operative school work and other local activities.

Her work in the church and in the community was characteristically straight-forward and christian like in its view point. Her two outstanding qualities were devotion to her husband and children, and the loyalty of her friendship.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, four children, Alex, Susie, Marian, Jim Frank, all at home; her mother, Mrs. James S. Clements, of Brownstown; an aunt, Mrs. Cora Vance Smith, of Indianapolis, to

whom she was deeply devoted, and one half-sister, Mrs. Martha Phillips, of Emporia, Kansas, besides a number of relatives and friends here and elsewhere.

Funeral services in charge of the Rev. Roy Brumbaugh, pastor of the Presbyterian church, were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial in Fairview cemetery.