

Carrie Downing Clements

Occupant Name: Carrie Downing Clements

Location: Section E

Date of Birth: 6/11/1854

Date of Death: 6/27/1912

Date of Burial: 1912

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



END CAME SUDDEN.

Community Shocked by Untimely Death of Mrs. Clements.

It was with sad hearts that the many friends of Mrs. Jas. S. Clements learned of her sudden death, which occurred at her home in Brownstown Saturday morning, July 27, 1912, about 8:30 o'clock. To say that the announcement of her death was a great shock to the community would be putting it mildly, and as the news spread rapidly from person to person it seemed almost beyond belief.

Mrs. Clements had been confined to her bed since Tuesday, July 16, at which time she sustained a severe fall from a stairway. While her injuries were regarded more or less serious, yet none dreamed that her condition would terminate fatally. The fall seemed to have affected her knees and they were put in plaster casts, but she had so far recovered that the casts were removed on the day previous to her death. A few days after the accident she complained more or less of a pain in her side, but that had also subsided to some extent.

She seemed to be steadily improving and was reported much better Friday night, and just as her many friends were entertaining the fullest hopes for her recovery, they were shocked Saturday morning to hear of her death, which it is thought was caused by an acute attack of heart trouble which developed only a short time before her death, and from which she never rallied, but peacefully passed away as if in a deep sleep.

Carrie Phifer was the third oldest daughter of John and Sarah E. Phifer, both deceased, and was born in Brownstown June 11, 1854. She was united in marriage to George A. Downing, June 15, 1880, who preceded her to the grave October 16, 1881. To their union were born two children, one son having died in infancy. She was again united in marriage to James S. Clements October 12, 1897, who survives her.

As a member of the Brownstown Presbyterian church, she was identified with the active work thereof, giving ever generously of her time and means to various interests of the church. Her sudden death is a great blow to her loved ones and also the entire community. How sublime it is that one born into this world can go through life and build a beautiful character and so entwine herself to the lives and affections of companions and friends that it is sweet to remember these associations. One can hardly realize that she is gone but with the poet Tennyson we can say, "But O, for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still!"

As a wife, mother and sister she was unselfish, indulgent and affectionate; as a neighbor and friend, kind, obliging and true. In time of sickness or need she was ever ready to aid with cheerful word and kind deed. Much has been taken from the husband and daughter, sisters and brothers and the large circle of relatives and friends; sweet ties have been severed, but much is left. The Christian's hope and fadeless memories are still theirs. Her death will be mourned not only by her devoted husband and heart-broken daughter and relatives, but by all who knew her.

She leaves to love her memory, her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Georgia Wallace, three sisters and three brothers—Misses Lou and Adda Phifer, Mrs. Lizzie Lauster, Harve, Will and John Phifer—one grandson, Lew Downing Wallace, and two step-children, Mrs. Anna Long, of this place, and Harry Clements, of Mitchell.

The funeral services, which were largely attended, were conducted at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. L. V. Rule, assisted by Rev. Edw. F. Schneider, officiating after which the remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery.