

Mary E. Robertson

Occupant Name: Mary E. Robertson

Location: Section D

Date of Birth: 6/25/1850

Date of Death: 9/14/1928

Date of Burial: 1928

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



OBITUARY NOTICE.

Mary Elmira Robertson, wife of Jonathan Robertson, died at their home adjoining Brownstown, Indiana, at 4 p. m. Friday, September 14, 1928, after being bedridden about six weeks. The nature of her ailment, Angina Pectoris, a hardening of the

heart muscles, entailed great suffering on the deceased, which she bore with unusual fortitude, preferring to not take opiates that she might retain consciousness, that she might know her numerous friends and relatives, who tried to minister to her comfort. An excellent trained nurse enabled her to have all the advantages of her skill in alleviating suffering.

Her daughter, Genevieve, from Chicago and her family here at home did everything in their power to make the end as little trying as possible.

A loyal christian, she was ready for the end—seeming to anticipate an early demise when her other daughter, Mrs. Carrie Mather, of Maidstone, Kent, England, bade her goodbye on a visit to her parents some months ago, as she then told her she never expected to see her again.

Mrs. Robertson was the second wife of Jonathan Robertson, one of Jackson county's oldest and best known native citizens. By the first marriage to Carrie Miller, two of four children survived, Aimee Gunder and Joseph M. Robertson, both of Brownstown. The death of the first wife left Mr. Robertson with the care of four young children, two dying before his re-marriage to the deceased. To the remaining two she became a second mother.

Mrs. Robertson was the oldest of fourteen children, four dying in infancy, and was born on Western Row, now Central Avenue, Cincinnati, O., June 25, 1850. Her parents were Henry Clay Swain and Mary Keziah Abercrombie Swain, who preceded her in death many years ago, the latter dying at the home of deceased. At 6 years of age, with her parents she moved to Brown county, Indiana, near Elkinsville, where her father had entered 160 acres of land, where deceased joined the Christian church, of which she was a devoted member at her death. Upon their removal to Seymour, deceased affiliated with the Methodist faith but joined the Christian church at Brownstown when she was married in 1882. She was at her death, and had been, for 38 years, president of the Ladies' Aid Society of that church, showing the same loyalty in this, as in her family and among her friends.

Jonathan Robertson and the deceased went to housekeeping when they were married, December 20, 1882, in a house where their present house stands, this being the third dwelling on this site to shelter them since their marriage. To this second marriage were born three daughters, Carrie Bell Mather, of Maidstone, Kent, England; Genevieve McNinch, of Chicago, and Gracie A., who died at the age of 26 months.

The deceased was employed in the Woolen Mills at Seymour and New Albany prior to her marriage for a period of about ten years.

She was a woman of fine poise, a good conversationalist, bright intelligence, and fine presence. Loyalty was her nature, loyalty to whatever cause she became an adherent. She will leave a void in her circle of friends that will be keenly felt, and to her devoted husband of 46 years, her loss will be irreparable.

She was the acknowledged head of the family from which she came. Besides the four children dying in infancy, brother and sisters, a sister, Clara, died at 16; a sister, Addie B., wife of Joseph Hodapp, Seymour, preceded her to the grave. She leaves surviving, a sister, Mrs. Emma Converse, of Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Cora A. Rice, a sister, of Piedmont, California, and a brother, Benson Swain, of the same place; another sister, Mrs. Amelia Smith, of Glendale, California, and a brother,