

Lucy Churchill Everett 1801-1896

MRS. EVERETT IS DEAD

Mrs. Lucy Everett Passes Peacefully to Her Eternal Rest.

One of the Oldest Residents of the County, Aged Ninety-five Years.

A BIOGRAPHY OF THE DECEASED.

A Life Remarkable in Many Respects. A Great Change Manifest During Her Life Time, Extending Over a Great Period of Time.

Mrs. Lucy Everett died at her home in Lyons, Nebraska, Monday, November 9th, aged 95 years.

Her death which had been expected for several days, came peacefully and quietly. There was scarcely a tremor, scarcely a sign to denote the transition from this life to that which is to come. The lamp of life burned low in its socket and went out.

Mrs. Everett had been a member of the church for over eighty years and was a conscientious and devoted Christian, beloved by all who knew her. The friends and neighbors of her early days remember her devotion to the sick and needy with gratitude.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church on Tuesday, the 10th, and the remains were interred in the Lyons cemetery. Rev. T.O. Webster conducted the funeral services.

It was in a rude dwelling among the pine woods of old Maine that Lucy Churchill was born February 2, 1801. This aged lady could almost date her birth with that of the American republic. Only a few years had elapsed since the close of the revolutionary war. The constitution had been adopted about thirteen years, but the young nation was beset with trials and perplexities on every hand. George Washington had been but a year and four months in his grave and John Adams the nations second president, was at the nation's helm. It was indeed the infancy of the republic. The education given the children of the early day was necessarily meager. The boys and girls were brought up to work and idleness at any time was looked upon with a frown. The girls were taught to spin and to weave and to knit, besides the usual household duties and where the families were large it required the combined efforts of all to provide the actual necessities of life. Perhaps it was this early training of frugality that in a measure laid the foundation of Mrs. Everett's future life. She had always been an ambitious worker, very economical and even

up to within a few years of her death she would like to be at work and disliked very much to have those about her idle.

Lucy Churchill was married to Josiah Everett on Christmas day December 25, 1821. They continued to make their home in Maine where all of their nine children were born as follows: Mrs. Pease, who now lives in Minnesota, on January 29th, 1823; Josiah born in 1823 and died when about 2 years of age. Their next child was a boy also named Josiah, born November 18th, 1827; Andrew, now in Texas, born March 18th, 1829, Franklin, of this place, born December 12, 1831; Benjamin, born June 4th 1834, who also died in infancy; Lucy, now Mrs. Harvey, of California, May 22nd 1836; Beniah, of this place, August 22nd 1839; Seth, who died at the age of 22 born June 5th 1842. They also adopted a boy when three years of age and he lived with them until seventeen when he went to sea. The ship in which he sailed was lost and he was never heard of again.

In 1853, Mr Everett and family removed to Iowa where they lived for twenty-two years and it was in Tama county of that state the father, Josiah died on October 20, 1875. Mrs. Everett continued to live in Iowa for a short time but as her sons had previously removed to Nebraska, she came about sixteen years ago and has continued to make her home here up to the present time.

Her sons have all inherited the ambitious and energetic disposition of their mother and all have accumulated more or less property. Especially is this true of Franklin who by hard work, industry, economy and good management has come to be reckoned as wealthy if not the wealthiest man in the county.

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