

Mrs. Black No More

The readers of the Journal will probably be somewhat prepared for the sad news of Mrs. S. W. Black's death, which occurred at her home north of the city at a quarter before one yesterday morning. Coming so suddenly, her untimely departure has cast a gloom over the whole community in which she lived. For only a few days had she been afflicted with that fell disease pneumonia; yet its hold upon her was fatal and the ardent love of her dear ones was powerless to keep her with them.

Mrs. Black was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Self, and was born in Morgan county, November 27th, 1841. On the 2nd of December 1860, she was united in marriage to one of the county's best citizens, Mr. S. W. Black, with whom she has lived a truly happy life. Four children were born to them, three of whom survive; Edward, aged 25, Charles, aged 19 and Effie, 12. Her brother, Mr. W. C. Self, and [five] sisters, Mesdames Julia Hopper, A. W. Pitner, G. W. Swain, Wm. H. Harrison and George Thompson also survive her, as well as her aged mother. Her father went to his reward in 1844.

In early life Mrs. Black embraced the Christian religion, and from that time has been a consistent and active member of the Methodist church, in the faith of which she was reared by godly parents. Her place in the sanctuary, and the class meeting and prayer meeting was seldom vacant, and never without good reason. In her family she was a gentle, tender mother, ever devoting herself to her loved ones with all the warmth and affection of heart. To her husband she was truly a helpmeet in every sense of the word, ever by his side in prosperity and adversity and never faltering in the devotion to her duties. To her neighbors she was sympathetic, kind and obliging and they will deeply mourn her loss. Her life and death were a triumphant vindication of the principles of Christianity. When she knew that her time had come she was perfectly calm and peaceful. A little while before her departure she called her loved ones about her and bade them all an affectionate farewell, at the same time sending messages to the absent ones.

The funeral will occur at Ebenezer church at 1:30 p.m. today, services conducted by Rev. W. F. Short assisted by Rev. A.M. Daneley.

Submitted by: Judy Watt