

PIONEER WOMAN CALLED UP HIGHER

Suddenly Stricken With Pneumonia While Visiting Daughter at South Bend, Neb., Mrs. Catherine Ann Patterson—Answers Last Summons.

(By Basil S. Ramsey.)

DIED.

Mrs. Catherine Ann Patterson.

Born August 28, 1846, near Eldersville, Washington county, Pennsylvania. Died at South Bend, Cass county, Nebraska, Friday, April 17, 1908, at 4:10 o'clock p. m., of acute pneumonia; aged 61 years, 7 months and 19 days.

BRIEF LIFE SKETCH.

Mrs. Patterson is generally enjoyed remarkably good health, and although past life's meridian, yet was still in the enjoyment of that great blessing until within a few hours of her fatal illness, when she was suddenly stricken with that dread disease—acute pneumonia.

On Thursday, although not feeling so well as usual, yet she was up and around, and no alarm was felt until Thursday night, when medical aid was promptly summoned and messages immediately sent to her husband at their home near Columbia, Tex.; to her daughter, Mrs. O'Brien, at South St. Joseph, Mo.; to her son, Robert, at San Francisco, Cal.; and to her son, Samuel at Alma, Neb.

Promptly came husband and children, but not in time to see wife and mother still alive. Life's curtain had suddenly dropped—the spirit had flown before the absent loved and loving ones could arrive.

Biographical.

Miss Catherine Ann Irwin was born August 28, 1846, on her father's farm near Eldersville, one among the oldest villages in Washington county, Pennsylvania. She was the youngest child of a family of nine children, six boys and three girls, and grew from infancy to womanhood in her native county.

Marriage.

In the home of her birth Miss Irwin grew into girlhood, into beautiful young womanhood, and in the same home, on February 2, 1870, was united in marriage to Mr. Silas C. Patterson, who was the youngest child of a family of fourteen children—five boys and nine girls. He is a first cousin of the late Hon. James M. Patterson. The ancestry of Mr. Patterson, like that of his newly made bride, were among the pioneer settlers and leading citizens of Washington county.

The young couple were born in the same neighborhood, with only a few months separating their ages. They thus grew up together as children, then into manly young manhood and beautiful young womanhood, then, when each was about twenty-four years old, united at the sacred marriage altar.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, after their marriage, remained in Washington county until in December, 1870. Many of the younger generation of western Pennsylvania at that time and previously, had caught the western fever. The great possibilities of the west, and especially those of Nebraska, then a maiden state three years old, had attracted both young and old from the eastern states. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, like many others, had caught this western fever, and in December, 1870, made the long journey from the old home in Pennsylvania to Nebraska, and spent that winter in the flourishing town of Rock Bluffs, Neb.

The writer recalls with much pleasure his first acquaintance with this most estimable couple during that winter, when a mutual friendship was formed that has grown stronger with the passage of years. And he is not surprised to know that wherever Mr. and Mrs. Patterson made their home, the high character and genial nature of the husband and many womanly graces and charming personality of the wife, at-

tracted to them highest confidence and respect and universal friendships.

On March 1, 1871, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson moved to a farm previously owned and for a number of years occupied by David Brinson, father of the wife of former governor and chief justice of Nebraska, Silas A. Holcomb. This farm is southwest of Rock Bluffs a few miles, near old Three Groves postoffice, and purchased by Mr. Patterson shortly after arriving in Nebraska, and is now (May, 1908) owned and occupied by Mr. Justus Lilly.

On this farm the young couple commenced their new western home-life, and here they remained and prospered for thirteen years, until 1884, when they sold out, removing to Springfield, Sarpy county, Neb. Here they resided until 1887, when they again sold out and removed to South Bend, Neb.

At this place they resided for twelve years, or until 1899, when Mr. Patterson for a time retired from active business pursuits at South Bend and the family removed to Lincoln, Neb.

Remove to Columbia, Texas.

After residing in Lincoln for about three years, the great possibilities of Texas as a farming and stock raising country, induced Mr. and Mrs. Patterson to leave their home in that city and to locate near Columbia, Brazoria county, Texas, where they have since resided and where Mr. Patterson owns a large, highly improved farm and stock ranch.

The country around Columbia, while rich in productiveness, was somewhat sparsely settled. The settlers and ranchmen, with their large farms and ranches, necessarily lived miles from each other. But they were true representatives of that hospitality, neighborly kindness and congeniality which so distinguish the first settlers of a new country.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, in their new Texas home, soon attracted many friends among these ranchmen and their estimable families, most of whom had come from eastern and southern states. The kind heart, womanly graces and most genial nature of Mrs. Patterson soon made everybody her friend; and for the estimable wives and daughters of these ranchmen she soon formed strong attachments and in whose congenial society she found a partial compensation for the absence of her own children. But the more than usual comforts, conveniences and attractions of ranch life, with the love and indulgence of husband, together with the society of most congenial neighbors and friends could not take the place of mother's love for her children, all of whom lived many miles distant from the new home in Texas. Frequently Mrs. Patterson visited them, and it was during a visit with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Long at South Bend, that the last summons so unexpectedly, so suddenly and so pathetically, called her to final home and rest.

Family.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, two sons and two daughters, who were most tenderly and carefully reared to useful manhood and womanhood—the pride of father and mother.

All are now living, the eldest, Florence May, married to Mr. Martin E. O'Brien, and resides at South St. Joe, Missouri.

Samuel M. resides at Alma, Harlan county, Nebraska.

Robert C. resides at San Francisco, California.

Eula P., married to Mr. Harry P. Long, and resides at South Bend, Cass county, Nebraska.

Funeral Services.

Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry P. Long, at South Bend, Neb., on Tuesday, April 21, 1908, at 3 o'clock p. m.

A large concourse of relatives and friends from Cass and Sarpy counties, and elsewhere, attended to pay fitting tribute of love and respect to the memory of a valued friend and neighbor, and one who was so universally respected. Services were conducted by Rev. Jackson of the Methodist Episcopal church

of University Place, Lincoln, Neb., who delivered an eloquent and instructive discourse on the beautiful life and character of deceased.

Flowers, vine and rose in profuse quantities from relatives and many friends mutely attested the love and high esteem for her who had been so suddenly called up higher.

Deceased had, a number of years ago, expressed a wish that her last resting place be in Wyuka cemetery at Lincoln, Nebraska. This wish of the loved one was sacred to husband and children and by them as sacredly observed.

After the close of the funeral services at the home of Mrs. Long, the funeral cortege moved to the depot at South Bend, whence the flower covered casket, accompanied by a large number of relatives and friends, was conveyed to Lincoln, Neb.

The pall bearers at South Bend, selected from among pioneer settlers and old friends of deceased and her family, consisted of Messrs. Samuel Long, Frank Cremer, M. W. Deming, T. W. Fountain, W. D. Hill and T. J. Fountain.

At Lincoln a number of friends met the train at the depot, from which the casket was taken direct to that beautiful city of the dead—Wyuka cemetery, where the closing exercises were held, the pall bearers at Lincoln being Messrs. G. H. McCain, Thomas Constant, E. B. Ransom and Frank McCain.

Here in a final home, selected by deceased some years before her demise; surrounded by stricken husband and children and sorrowing relatives and friends; here the loved wife and mother—the first to be taken from the family circle, was tenderly placed in final rest; and beneath mute testimonials of love and highest esteem—flowers, wreath, and verdure, she quietly, peacefully rests in the dawn of another and changeless morning.

Card of Thanks.

To the friends who so kindly extended and gave their sympathy and assistance during the sudden illness and death of a dearly loved wife and mother, we tender our heartfelt and grateful thanks, and trust in the hope, that they and each one may long be spared a like affliction, loss and bereavement.

SILAS C. PATTERSON,
MR. AND MRS. MARTIN E. O'BRIEN,
MR. AND MRS. HARRY P. LONG,
SAMUEL M. PATTERSON,
ROBERT C. PATTERSON.
South Bend, Neb., April 23, 1908.

Takes Child to Hospital

The little seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanley, Gibson, who has been sick for the past few days, with some intestinal obstruction, and who has been in an unconscious condition for the past two days, was taken to the hospital at Omaha this morning, for treatment. It was the intention to get him in the St. Joseph hospital if possible, but it would not be known whether it would be possible or not until they had gotten to Omaha. The sickness of the little boy has prevented Mr. Stanley from taking a trip to the southwest to where he had intended starting yesterday. It is hoped Gibson may improve and soon be well again.

In District Court.

District court convened Monday, and the first case to come up was the mandamus matter from Louisville, which occupied the entire day. Elmer E. Thomas of Omaha, appeared for the plaintiffs and A. L. Tidd and Judge Sullivan for the defendants. Both parties were given five days to file briefs.

In the matter of Elta J. McAllister vs. Wm. J. McAllister, the former was granted a divorce on the charge of non-support. The parties are from Eagle. William Deles Dernier, of Elmwood, was attorney for plaintiff.

Country Club Meet.

The Fairview woman's Country Club met at the pleasant home of Mrs. Philip Tritsch recently and during their business session elected Mrs. Spangler, president; Mrs. Tritsch, vice-president; Mrs. Pankonin, secretary, and Mrs. H. Horn, treasurer. They then adjourned for a social time and to listen to the Fairview quartet which furnished several selections on this occasion.

St. Mary's Guild Elect Officers.

Tuesday at the home of her parents, Miss Violet Dodge entertained the members of the St. Mary's Guild of the Episcopal church, at a business meeting. The special object of the meeting being the election of officers for the present year. The officers elected were: Mrs. Eva Reese, president; Mrs. W. L. Pickett, vice president; Mrs. H. S. Austin, secretary; and Mrs. Carl Fricke, treasurer. A very enjoyable afternoon was had.

SLEEPS IN THE SILENT CITY

The Last Sad Rites Said Over The Mortal Remains of G. J. Jones

Tuesday afternoon at the Christian church the funeral services were held which were the last honors paid the memory of one who has made this city his dwelling place for more than a third of a century. Mr. Jones has lived in the city for over thirty-five years, and worked in the Burlington shops for some thirty-three years, and with the going out of his life, goes the life of one whom all who have known him have learned to love and respect. The last few weeks of his life, while the sufferer has been patient, were filled with pain for him and the course of the disease was watched with apprehension by the friends who surrounded his bedside, endeavoring to do some service which would lighten his sufferings or make more peaceful his last moments. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. H. D. Thomas of the Christian church, and music rendered by the choir of the church, and interment made at Oak Hill cemetery. In the recitation of the life of this man, Rev. Thomas called attention of the people to the patience of the sufferer during the last hours, as well as the kindly disposition during his whole life, and his earnest desire to do a good deed whenever it was in his power.

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH PATTERSON

Passes Away at the Home of Her Daughter Near Ord, Nebraska.

Miss Elizabeth Wells was born near Middletown, Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1814, where she lived until she was 22 years of age. At the age of 16 she was united in marriage with Thomas Patterson, the wedding occurring on February 10, 1831. Of this union twenty children were born, of which there were three sets of twins, all of which have preceded their mother to the other world except four, who are Narcissus Frazee, living near Concordia, Kan.; L. W. Patterson of Narka, Kan.; Mrs. John Pocock of Ord, this state, at whose home Mrs. Patterson died, and Fred Patterson of Rock Bluffs, this county. In 1835, with her husband and children, they removed to Henipon, Putnam county, Illinois, and at this place lived until they came to this state and this county, arriving at and crossing the Missouri river at the old town site of Kenosha, where they lived during the remainder of the life of Mr. Patterson, who died March 24, 1879. Mrs. Patterson, and children, continued there until 1888, when she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. John Pocock, then residing near Peru in Nemaha county, remaining there until 1895, when with them she removed to near Fullerton, in Nance county, and lived there until November 24, 1901, when they moved to the place near Ord, where Mrs. Patterson died from a stroke of paralysis last Sunday evening. The remains were brought to this place Monday evening, arriving on the late Burlington train, and was taken to Rock Bluffs this morning, the funeral occurring at that place Tuesday, the pastor of the Christian church delivering the funeral oration, and interment being made at the Rock Bluffs cemetery. Mrs. Patterson was a life long member of the Presbyterian church, in which faith she died.

The Stork Visits South Omaha.

This time he was gracious to the household of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scheile, and his present was in the shape of a bouncing big boy. Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Schille's mother, returned and tells of the folks all doing nicely, and especially Frank, whom the incident has left so he cannot get his face straight for the faintest suspicion of a smile continues to hang around his mouth. While at Plattsmouth, Grandpa Wm. Weber, wears a handsome smile, so pronounced and emphasized that one almost thinks it a sly bit of laughter.

Not All Killed Yet.

Yesterday our old friend, W. D. Jones, brought to this office a twig which he clipped from one of his peach trees, and what buds were on it were all O. K., and a few of the peaches had already formed. This does not appear to us as though the peach crop was so very badly injured. "Peaches and cream, I golly," yet.

"MY POLICIES" EFFECTS NEBRASKA

Elevators Close All Over the State---Stagnation in the Grain Business Causes the Shutting Down of Houses.

The Lincoln News is responsible for the following article on the state of affairs in Nebraska. That paper of last evening says:

"A number of line house elevators in different parts of Nebraska, chiefly in the south central and western sections have lately been closed, and the cause is declared by grain dealers to be an unprecedented stagnation in cereal movements. Several firms have shut down their elevators at certain towns because of slack business, as stated by their managers at headquarters in this city. The slim receipts are attributed mainly to crop failures in various localities last year and to the fact that farmers are holding what grain they have left on hand now until the next crops are assured.

"Cereal shipments are never made in large volume at this time of year, but line house grain men say that they are not now getting 50 per cent of the average receipts at the majority of stations, and that a few are furnishing much less than that. Where elevators have been closed, it is generally where two or three of them are located in the same town and business is not large enough to go around. If present conditions continue any length of time more houses will be closed, as the dealers say the expense of keeping them open is not justified. Those which are shut will probably reopen about July 1, when the new wheat crop comes on. For the time being, however, the watchword is: "Cut down expenses and economize wherever possible."

"Half a dozen elevators belonging to the Central Granaries company in Nebraska and Kansas, out of sixty houses owned by that firm, are idle at the present time. The one at Wilsonville suspended operations January 1 and has been inactive ever since. At Ravenna, the plant was closed two months ago, at Ansley two weeks ago and at Anselmo on May 1. The Tamora elevator has also been out of commission for two months. One has been closed at Bird City, Kas., and another will be at McDonald, Kas. At three or four other points where two men have been employed, one is now doing all the work. "There is very little business at any

of the stations," said a representative of the Central Granaries company to The News. "What the precise cause is, we do not know. receipts were cut off short when the panic came on last fall, and we have not got it back yet. One week in March was a good one, but the rest of the time not much grain has been offered."

The Jacques Grain company, which has a dozen elevators, reports one closed today at Sargent, while one at Arcadia another at Farwell have been idle for some time. At Greeley Center the firm is letting its lumber yard force run the elevator on the side.

No houses have been closed by the Lincoln Grain company, out of eleven which it controls, but at Milligan the agent's pay has been reduced from \$80 to \$50 per month and at Verona from \$50 to \$30, the men being allowed to use part of their time in some other way to earn additional income. If this year's crops are good, they will be back on full time and full pay about July 1. The company reports only one carload of grain shipped from Verona this year where it should have had 90 to 100. The situation is not so bad anywhere else, but wherever corn was hurt by drought last year the receipts are light, though the wheat movement keeps up fairly well.

Two of the Foster Grain company's eight elevators are closed, one of these being at Hunter, Harlan county, and the other at Funk, Phelps county. Both of these, however, were shut down last fall because of crop failures in the country around them. The employees were taken care of in each case by being transferred to elevators elsewhere. The company's elevator say it could have kept both elevators open without losing money but it thought better to close them. Unless the crops are short this year, no others will be shut down.

The Hayes-Eames house, which has eighteen elevators, may close some of those located in the western part of the state, but is running all of them at present. Like the other firms, its receipts have been much below normal.

The Barber, Ewart, Wright-Leet and other firms are still operating all their line houses, though their managers claim some could be closed without much loss of business.

BOUQUETS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S PARTY

Now in the Land of Flowers and Orange Groves.

LOS ANGELES, May 1st.

DEAR COLONEL:
Too busy eight-seeing to write much. Yesterday at 11:30 a. m. we arrived at San Bernardino. There was a large two bushel basket of beautiful roses presented to Governor Sheldon and they were divided among the party, giving each of us a beautiful bouquet which was our first realization that we were in a tropical country and the land of flowers.

From there we were taken to Redland, where we stopped for two hours and were driven through the beautiful park called Smiley Heights and from there we boarded the train and were hauled to Riverside, where we were taken on a 19 mile auto ride through the orange groves and parks of that town. Of all the beauty one could find in nature he surely could find it in these two towns. Smiley Heights were planned and decorated by Mr. Smiley and the land adjoining by other men as artistic and enthusiastic as he and they have made these hills and the valley adjoining a perfect paradise of driveways, decorated by flowers and shrubbery of 1,000 different varieties. At both these places we saw thousands of acres of orange groves in tracts of five, ten and fifteen acres and along the road on both sides was a mound of flowers, roses, palm trees and numerous other tropical trees and these with the orange groves, loaded with oranges for a background,

made one of the prettiest pictures one ever laid eyes on. Coming through the valleys we could see the farmers—some putting up hay and others picking oranges or rather having them picked by Japs.

We arrived at Los Angeles at 9 p. m. April 30th and found our old Cass county friends, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Elson, Mr. and Mrs. Houseworth, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perry, and Mr. Wiley Black waiting to greet and welcome us to this place.

Will tell you something of this place in my next—we were given a reception tonight by the Commercial club and tomorrow we are to picnic at Long Beach.

Yours truly,
FRANK E. SCHLATER.

Will Rough It for Health.

Frank Svoboda departed Wednesday for Hay Springs, in the western portion of the state, where he will take an outing, sleeping out of doors, and will probably stay for a good portion of the summer. This he is doing for his health, and having tried the same at Lawrence for a few weeks and finding it beneficial, he by the advice of a specialist at Omaha, will spend the summer in trying in this way to regain his health. While on his way he will stop at Creighton and visit George Kohnke, who is living on the farm of George H. Horn near that place.

Letter List.

The following is the list of letters remaining in the Plattsmouth postoffice on May 4, 1908, uncalled for. Parties inquiring for same will please say "advertised." Lee Taylor, John Carlson, John Girth, David Garber, Gust Kuene, G. Kelso, Frank Johnson, J. E. Morris, Daniel Parker, Floyd Vickery.