

[Littledyke, Ann Williamson]

Death of Mrs. John Littledyke

On Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock occurred the funeral of Mrs. John Littledyke, aged 66 years, 4 months, 28 days.

Mrs. Littledyke was born at Wittering, Northhamptonshire, England, December 15th, 1831, and came to this country in 1857. Her maiden name was Ann Williamson, and she was united in marriage to John Littledyke on May 7th, 1857. Six daughters and one son were born to them, all of whom are living, with the exception of Annie, who passed away on November 17th, 1880.

That a father and six married children with their families should be privileged to sit about the sacred form of a beloved wife and mother is an experience unusual as it is thankworthy.

The names of the six children are Wm. Littledyke, Mrs. John Hull, Mrs. Fayette Schenck, Mrs. John Gayton, Mrs. Henry Bush, of Perry, and Mrs. Seeley [Addie] Duffie of Leicester. The son and five sons-in-law acted as bearers.

Mrs. Littledyke was one of those rare characters who never assume to do extraordinary things, but who are all the time doing common things in an extraordinary way. She believed in "home-lived religion," making her house a safe and pleasant spot for children and friends. Her daily walk in life was a constant illustration of the saying of Christ in His rebuke to Judas, who was complaining because a certain alabaster box of ointment was not converted into money. His significant words were, "She hath done what she could."

Music was furnished by Mrs. George Tallman, Mrs. S.D. Phillips and Rev. C. Palmatier. The officiating clergyman was Rev. C. [Charles] Palmatier [Universalist]. Interment was made in Hope Cemetery.

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