

[Woodbury, Mary Stephens]

Death of Mrs. J. B. Woodbury

The sudden and unexpected death, on Monday, May 29th, 1882, of this estimable lady, at her home in Greenwood, at the age of 51 years, cast a gloom over the entire community. She had been suffering for several days with a severe cold, but on the morning of her death she was feeling so much better that workmen had been engaged to do some papering in the house. She also wrote a long letter to her son, who removed to Minnesota about five weeks since, and the letter left in the stage for this place the same morning. She ate a hearty dinner at twelve o'clock and at one she was a corpse. Although she lived exactly opposite the house of Dr. Williamson, who could have been summoned in a minute, yet her condition did not require a physician's aid, it was thought. Heart disease is now assigned as the cause of her death, although she manifested no such symptoms during life.

Mrs. Woodbury's maiden name was Mary Stephens, a daughter of Alexander Stephens, an old resident of Greenwood. She was born and raised in that town, and early united with the Universalist church there. Her funeral was held from her late residence on the following Friday, and she was buried in the Greenwood cemetery. Rev. I. K. [Isaac Kirk] Richardson, pastor of the church above mentioned, officiated at the funeral, which was very largely attended. She leaves a husband and two grown up sons. Hon. R. D. Stephens, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa [her brother], was telegraphed to, but he could not arrive in time for the funeral. All the other relatives lived in that or adjoining towns.

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