

MARY ANN BURNELL

April 17, 1930

The late Mrs. Burnell was the widow of Henry Burnell of North Prairie, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Burton.

She was born on Dec. 20, 1848.

She was joined in marriage to Walter Downing in 1865 of which marriage there were two children: Annie (deceased) and Cecelia Leddy. This was a marriage which she was not permitted to enjoy for any great length of time. Death paid the home a visit and took the husband from its midst.

In 1885 she joined herself in matrimony to Henry Burnell, of which marriage there were also two children: Mrs. Harry Hurst and Henry Burnell. Nineteen years ago she was again called upon to mourn the loss of a husband. For many years since that passing she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hurst.

She herself was taken sick on the seventh of April. Up to that time, despite her age, she had been able to enjoy life very fully. Her faculties were preserved, her limbs, although halting, were by no means helpless, her spirits were very exuberant, and her gift for conversation very little impaired.

Sickness in an acute form visited her on the seventh of April, from which it was impossible for her to rally. She gradually lapsed into unconsciousness, and on April 15th (one week from the commencement of her sickness) God mercifully and beautifully said,

Now the Christian's course is run,
Ended is the glorious strife;
Fought the fight, the work is
done,

Death is swallowed up in life.
Borne by angels on their wings,
Far from earth thy spirit flies.
Meet thy Lord, and soar, and sing,
Triumphing in Paradise.

And that is how Mary Ann Burnell traveled from earth to Heaven.

Other surviving relatives are Sam Burton of Strum, Wis.; Will Burton of Eagle, Wis.; Mrs. Grace Onyon of Eagle, Wis.; and Mrs. George Harker of Mukwonago, Wis., and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.