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Alexander, Harriet

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Wells Presby

On last Saturday morning the sad news flashed over the wires to her friends in this place that the gentle spirit of Miss Harriett Rebecca Alexander had returned to the God who gave it.

Miss Alexander was the daughter of John B., and Rebecca Moore Alexander and granddaughter of Alexander Alexander, the first settler of Wells Valley, and organizer of the Presbyterian church there.

With the exception of a few years lived in town, where she tenderly cared for her aged mother, Miss Alexander lived almost her entire life on part of the land taken up by her pioneer father.

At an early age she adhered to "the faith of her father, and until the day of her death" was a loyal, devoted member of the Presbyterian church and until relentless disease claimed her was never absent from the Sunday school and church services.

Four years ago she was injured in an automobile accident which necessitated numerous visits to Philadelphia where she was under the care of skilled physicians and for a time they were able to check the ravages of the disease, but her powers of resistance failed, and the immediate cause of her death was uremic poison. For the past five months she had been a patient in the American Hospital and it was in that institution she died. Her niece, Miss Harriett Sloan was her devoted attendant during the last three weeks of her life and accompanied her remains home on Sabbath. She was aged 70 years one month and sixteen

Miss Alexander is survived by one sister, Miss Josephine Sloan of Lincoln Way and one brother Horace Alexander of Brule, Neb. Her remains were brought to the home of her sister where a short service was conducted on Monday at 10:30 by her pastor, Rev. William J. Lowe of the Federated church, after which the body was taken to Wells Valley Methodist church where the regular service was held, Rev. Lowe taking as his theme those comforting words from John 14-2. A choir composed of young ladies of the community sang several selections that were favorites with the deceased in a very impressive manner.

The remains were then taken to the Presbyterian cemetery where they were laid to rest beside those she had "loved long since and lost awhile" surrounded by loving friends and neighbors who gathered for a last look; all feeling they had one kind friend less.

Many beautiful floral offerings from friends and church organizations showed the esteem in which she was held.