

**OBITUARY**

Mary A. Cowell was born April 10 1849, near Freemont, Mahaska Co., Ia. and died at her home near Lancaster, Mo. July 24, 1915, aged 66 years, 3 months and 14 days.

She was married to David T. Craig, Aug. 18, 1865 in Davis Co. Ia. There were 12 children born to their union; Douglas H. of Moberly Mo., Willard of Galva, Ill., Charley O., Ollie, John F., James S., David T., Marion, Marion C., and Mrs. Anna Martin, Vashtia Epperson, and Rhoda Gardine and one who died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, her eleven children, twenty-nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren other relatives and a host of friends

After a lingering illness of about two years the Master called her and she slept quietly away.

She was a kind and faithful companion, a loving mother, and thoughtful of others.

While she never united with any church she was a firm believer in God and before she departed this life bid her children meet her in heaven.

Dearest Mother thou hast left us,  
All thy suffering now are o'er,  
Thou hast found a better home.  
Where earths suffering come no more.

We will miss thee dearest Mother,  
When we see thy vacant chair,  
But we know thou art better  
And we hope to meet thee there.

Funeral services were conducted at the Germania Church by Rev. Crickette and the body laid to rest in the cemetery in that place Sunday July 25, 1915.