

## OBITUARY OF NANCY CLARK GREEN HURD, A MEMBER OF 1<sup>ST</sup> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BURLINGTON, IOWA

Nancy C. Green is described as a southeast Iowa "pioneer" in her obituary. Most of my information about her comes from a clipping of that obit, which unfortunately does not include the name and date of the newspaper. The clipping was tucked into the pages of the family Bible handed down from my grandmother, Mary Emma Pease (Orr), and from the internal evidence, was most likely published in Burlington, Iowa. Following is the transcribed text of the obituary:

### MRS. NANCY HURD DEAD

A Pioneer Resident of Southeastern Iowa Passes Away.

The many old and dear friends of Mrs. Nancy C. Hurd learn with genuine sorrow of her death Sunday afternoon, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Blake, with whom she had made her home for the last seventeen years.

The deceased was eighty years of age, and was one of the earliest settlers of southeastern Iowa. Mrs. Hurd leaves a large number of friends in Winfield, Morning Sun and surrounding country, where she and her husband, James L. Hurd, lived for many years. She was a woman of sterling worth and great fortitude. Her last illness, which began in August, was one of great suffering, but she bore all with the great patience that characterized her whole life.

Mrs. Hurd, formerly Miss Nancy Green, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, June 30, 1820. She was married to James L. Hurd, April 28, 1842.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurd moved to Iowa in the spring of 1854, settling in Henry county near what is now called Winfield, in 1858 they moved to Morning Sun, in Louisa county, where they lived until 1879, when they moved to this city. Here her husband died February 11, 1883, since which time her home has been with Mr. W. E. Blake.

She was the mother of ten children, five of whom survive her. They are: Mrs. M. Edwards and Mrs. W. E. Blake, who reside in Burlington; Mrs. James Ely [Note: my great-grandmother, Mary Sophronia Hurd Orr Ely] and Mrs. E. Y. Graham, residing at Lenox, Iowa, and Mr. Charles E. Hurd, living near Steele, North Dakota.

Mrs. Hurd became a member of the Presbyterian church in Cumberland, Ohio, when sixteen years of age, and lived and died in its communion.

The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. W. E. Blake, at 4 o'clock, conducted by **Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Pastor of the First Presbyterian church**, who spoke in a most tender and loving manner of the singularly long, useful and happy Christian life of the deceased. **The members of the First Presbyterian Church Choir sang.**

This morning at 7:30 her remains will be taken to Morning Sun for interment. The casket will be borne by the following gentlemen: William Penrose, William Lyon, J. T. Illlick, Dr. J. W. . . . (remainder of text missing).

Provided by David W. Benedict, Great-great-grandson of Nancy Clark Green Hurd, July 29, 2013