

MARGARET CLARK WITHERS.

Margaret Clark Withers was born on January the eleventh, 1825 at Gunthorp, Norfolk county, England. At the age of 11 years she came to America with her parents, the late James and Phebe Clark, settling in New York. In 1839 the family came to Illinois and in 1841 she was married to Nelson A. Bates. Their marriage was blessed with four children: Artumus Bates of California, Mrs. Alice Gillespie of Jackson, Minn., Mrs. Alma Russel of Britton, S. D. and A. W. Bates of Pecatonica, Ill.

In the year of 1864 she was married to W. J. Withers, who with the four children and one sister, Mrs. Henry Hebard of this place and four brothers, eleven grandchildren, eight grand-children are left to mourn her sad demise.

The Jackson County (Minn.) Pilot contains the following tribute:

Mr. and Mrs. Withers have been residents of our city but a little over two years, but during this short period the pronounced character and pleasant manner of Mrs. Withers won for her a host of true friends that can only be encircled by the living of a pure and christian life. Mrs. Withers has been ill for several months and while everything known to medical skill, kind nursing and willing hands was done, the Master called and she answered. The funeral was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Gillespie on last Monday afternoon, services being conducted by the Rev. T. N. Weaver and the interment was made in the beautiful Riverside cemetery.