

Victoria J. Dewey

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NOTABLE DEATHS

VICTORIA J. DEWEY was born in Dandridge, Tennessee, April 15, 1850, and died in Chariton, Iowa, December 26, 1930. The body was removed to Des Moines and temporarily placed in a vault to await cremation. In 1867 she was with her parents, John and Jane (Cowan) Branner in their removal to Chariton. After attending the Episcopal school at Dubuque she returned in 1871 to Dandridge, Tennessee, and was married to Joel Allen Dewey, a former brigadier general in the Union Army. Two years later General Dewey died, and Mrs. Dewey, with their only child, Walter H. Dewey, removed in 1885 to Chariton. She was the financial founder of the Hawkeye Produce Company of Chariton, was financially interested in real estate and building operations in that city, and was for several years in the 1900's owner of, and assisted her son in managing the *Chariton Democrat*. She was a pioneer woman suffragist, an ardent W. C. T. U. worker, a dry Democrat, and an Episcopalian. She was an alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention at San Francisco in 1920. She assisted in the establishment of the Chariton Free Public Library, was for a time president of the board, presided at the ceremonies and formally laid the corner stone of the Library building. This versatile and talented woman was active in business, religion, charity, social service and in almost all public movements for the welfare of her community.

CHARLES WESLEY BLACK was born near Brownsville, Ohio, September 27, 1843, and died at Malvern, Iowa, October 12, 1930. His parents were William and Martha Reed Black. He was reared on a farm and attended common school, however, after his twelfth year only in winters. On August 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-second Ohio Infantry, and was with his regiment in all its great campaigns, being much in the commands of Logan, Grant and Sherman, and was honorably discharged July 28, 1865. Returning home he attended two terms of school at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, and in 1867 removed to Tonica, Illinois, and in 1872, to near Malvern, Iowa. Farming was his vocation at which he was successful. In 1899 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1901, serving in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. He was prominent in the Presbyterian church and Sunday school, in the G. A. R., in benevolences, in local enterprises, and was held in high esteem by the entire community.

MATT EWART was born in Morrow County, Ohio, in 1839, and died in a hospital in Grinnell, Iowa, July 18, 1921. Burial was in the cemetery

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