

MADISON ANCESTORS

Mrs. Jennie Elizabeth Madison Smith died at her home in Concord, Nebraska on Saturday, April 11, 1896 at 11:30 P.M. During the quiet hours of the night while none was watching, the spirit of Mrs. Jennie Elizabeth Smith took its departure to its eternal resting place.

Mrs. Smith was 66 years, 9 months, and 21 days old. The deceased was born in Chilesburg, Carviline County, Virginia, June 20, 1829 of well-to-do parents. At the age of 22, Miss Jennie Elizabeth Southworth was united in marriage with Mr. George Madison. To them were born three children, Richard Henry, ~~Kitty~~ Kitty Ann, and Mary Elizabeth. Mr. George Madison died of consumption leaving his family a home in Chilesburg where Mrs. Madison lived until 1863. During the war of the states, Robert M. Smith met and made the acquaintance of Mrs. Madison. After Mr. Smith's discharge from the army they were united in marriage at Charlesburg, Va. by Rev. Harvey Johnson of the Methodist Church to which she was ^{an} active and efficient member. She was indeed a devoted Christian. Never tiring of doing good work for her Creator. When asked a few days before her death regarding her salvation, she replied that she was ready to go at any time and felt that she was perfectly safe. Her oldest daughter, Kitty, died October 12, 1874.

On December 3, 1891, Mary Elizabeth, the the wife of Carl Quist, passed away, leaving her husband and four children to mourn her death. Richard Henry, the only known survivor that is known of, is a well-to-do farmer living 2 miles south of Laurel. He has a family of ten children, all of whom are living.

Richard Henry Madison was born near Richmond, Virginia, October 12, 1853, and passed away December 12, 1913 near O'Neill, Nebraska. He moved from Richmond, Va. to Missouri Valley Junction, Iowa in 1863 with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Rober N. Smith. Later he moved to Missouri Valley. He was united in marriage with Jennie L. Ritter in 1880 at Missouri Valley. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Laurel, Nebraska under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Lodge at that place, followed by a large concourse of his old friends and neighbors.