

PHOEBE DUNN

Obituary

Phoebe **Dunn**, daughter of Elijah and Nancy **Dunn**, was born in southern Ohio, January 7, 1838, and died near Farina, Ill., September 13, 1916, aged 78 years, 8 months and 6 days. Her father and two brothers and a sister died in Ohio, but the Mother and remainder of the family moved to Illinois in the early eighteen fifties, locating in Xenia, where much of her girlhood and young womanhood days were spent. She taught school for a number of years in various counties of Southern Illinois and today is lovingly remembered by many of her pupils.

Over fifty years ago she gave her heart to God and united with the Christian Church at Xenia. In later years she placed her membership with the church in Mason.

On September 17, 1879, she was united in marriage to Joseph **Birdwell**, of Gainsville, Texas. One child, Rachel Louise, was born to this union, who survives her Mother. After the death of her husband in 1886, she returned with her daughter to Xenia, Ill., where they made their home for some time. For the last few years they have lived in Farina and Mason.

She was a great reader, well-informed on all the current events of the day and was truly an intellectual woman. Her mind was a great storehouse of knowledge. The things of life worth while strongly appealed to her, every flower, every note of the song bird, every work of God's creation found a responsive cord in her nature.

For many years she had been a remarkably active woman, but during the winter months of 1915 she suffered a severe attack of grippe which left her in a frail condition, and a weakened heart, but was able to be up most of the time. In the month of June she and her daughter made a short visit with her sister, Mrs. M.L. **Wright**, and family of Flora. Several weeks ago she became worse, but after a few days rallied and was soon able to be up again, only for a short time however, when she suffered another attack with her heart which proved fatal. She fully realized when the end was near and talked as calmly of her passing away as if she was just going on a journey.

She leaves one daughter, Miss Rachel, one sister, Mrs. M. L. **Wright**, of Mason, Illinois, and other relatives and many warm friends to mourn her departure.

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CLARENCE **CHANDLER**, died after a brief illness with pneumonia, at his residence two and one half miles west of Flora on January 29, 1917. He was born October 2, 1868, aged 48 years, 3 months, and 26 days.

He was survived by six children, two sons and four daughters - Lowell, Roy, Edna, Stella, Wilma and Hazel. Funeral services were held at McCabe Chapel with burial in Elmwood Cemetery in Flora.