

Mrs. A. B. Easterling Expires Sunday; Funeral Tuesday

at New London.

Feb. 28, 1937

Minnie Cosand Easterling, age 81, a member of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of the New London neighborhood, widow of Alvin B. Easterling, a former local auditor of Howard county, died at the home of her daughter, Miss Lucile Easterling, in Ft. Wayne, Sunday morning at 1:00 o'clock, of paralysis. Her health had been impaired for some time.

Funeral services will be held in the Friends church, New London, Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, the Revs. M. S. Kenworthy and Frank Stafford, officiating. The casket will be open in the church from 1:00 o'clock to the hour set for the services to begin. Burial will take place in the New London cemetery.

Reared at Homestead

Mrs. Easterling was the eldest daughter of Nathan and Priscilla Butler Cosand, who established their home in the New London neighborhood in the pioneer period. She was born in the autumn of 1855. She grew to womanhood in the picturesque surroundings of the homestead and something of the beauty and serenity of that environment was in her character to the end of her long and worthy life.

In her young womanhood she became the wife of Alvin B. Easterling, of the same locality, their attachment having had its beginning in their schooldays. After a period of residence in the home community, they moved to Kokomo, more than forty years ago, Mr. Easterling becoming engaged in surveying and bridge and drain construction. Their home here was at 1245 East Sycamore street. The surviving children are Lucile, Ft. Wayne; Leslie, Washington, D. C.; Ernest, Cleveland, Ohio; Aldis, Washington, D. C., and Mildred, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Easterling was the eldest of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Cosand. Of these, those who survive are Mary, Ada and Nora of New London, Charles Elbert of Richmond, and Violet of Amboy.

Long and Gentle Life

Mr. Easterling died several years ago. The widow continued her residence here for some time thereafter, but about ten years ago removed to Ft. Wayne, where she resided the remainder of her life with her daughter, Lucile, long a teacher in the public schools there.

In the neighborhood here in which she lived many years, in all local circles in which she was known, and at New London, where she was a pleasant memory in every old home, the news of her death will cause sincerest mourning and bring a distinct sense of personal loss. Her long and gentle life has left a fragrance, however, that will be with every acquaintance as long as memory lasts.