

# Mrs. <sup>W</sup>Mattie ~~W~~ Willis Dies Early Tuesday After Long Illness

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New London, May 28.—(Tribune Special)—Mrs. Martha Ann Willis, 73, died at her home two miles northwest of New London at 9:45 o'clock Tuesday morning following illness of four months from complications. She contracted whooping cough about one month ago and the disease left her weakened.

Better known to the residents of her community as Mattie Willis, she was born in Howard county January 12, 1867. She was the daughter of Elijah and Mary Ann Hanson, an early farm couple in the county. At the age of 28 years she married Ler Willis also of Howard county. Mr. Willis survives with Mrs. Jesse Parse, Eudington, a niece, and Curtis Rich Wichita, Kans., a nephew. Mrs. Willis had no children.

She was a member of the Union Street Friends church in Kokomo.

The body was removed from the late home to the Lowery funeral home at Forest and will be returned to the late residence Wednesday evening where friends may call after 6 o'clock. Funeral services will be held in the New London Friends church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the Rev. Mr. McReynolds, church pastor officiating. Burial will follow in the New London cemetery.

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