

Blanche (Derthick) Calhoun, (18 Feb 1852 – 28 Jul 1918), Decatur Review, Sunday, July, 28, 1918

Mrs. W. F. Calhoun died at home on N. Edward at 12:30 a.m. Sunday. The end came peacefully and had been expected. **Mrs. Calhoun** was stricken with paralysis on Monday July 14 and after a rally of a few days had failed steadily.

Mrs. Calhoun recognized members of her family and all of her children save one were at her bedside when the end came.

Mrs. Calhoun was born in Town Line, Ohio, Feb 18, 1852. She was the daughter of **Rudolphus C.** and **Nancy Hewer Derthick**. Her father was a veteran of the civil war. **Mrs. Calhoun** was the only daughter and during her girlhood she and her mother moved to Abingdon, Ill., and thence to Seneca. She was married to **Dr. W. F. Calhoun**, Aug 18, 1869 near Dwight, Ill. After a brief visit in Champaign, **Dr.** and **Mrs. Calhoun** went to Farmer City early in 1870. Nine years later they moved to Clinton, then the family came to Decatur where they have since resided.

Mrs. Calhoun was prominent in the women's relief corps circles and was elected senior vice president of the department of Illinois at the Quincy encampment. In the absence of the president, she presided at the state encampment at Aurora in the following year. Several times she was a delegate to the national encampments and was elected again at Bloomington last year. **Mrs. Calhoun** was an active member of the First Methodist Church and of Fern Leaf Temple, Pythian Sisters. She was a woman of fine character and was loved by everyone.

Besides her husband, she leaves the following children, **Mrs. Elmer Towle**, Champaign, **Mrs. Frank S. Dodd**, Richmond, Ind. **Mrs. Robert Bell**, Phoenix, Ariz, **Dr. J. Collier Calhoun**, Jackson, Minn., and **Richard Calhoun** of Bloomington. Owing to the illness of her husband, **Mrs. Bell** was unable to come east.

There are ten grandchildren, including **Nancy Loughkeed**, who has made her home with her grandparents for some years, **Mrs. Julie Harris** half sister of **Mrs. Calhoun** has also been in the family. Besides the children are **Mrs. Weidlien** a niece of Augusta, Ks., who has been reared by **Dr.** and **Mrs. Calhoun** and **Mrs. W. S. Calhoun** a widow of a brother of **Dr. Calhoun**.

No funeral arrangements have been made yet.

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