

Florence Nightingale Flickinger, (4 Oct 1861 – 17 Apr 1889), Newspaper Clipping, Floyd County, Iowa

At the residence of her brother-in-law, **Dr. W. J. Rice**, in Charles City, Iowa, April 17, 1889, **Florence Nightingale Flickinger**, of peritonitis, in the 27th year of her age.

The deceased was the daughter of **Major Daniel W.** and **Julia A. Flickinger** and was born Oct. 4, 1862, at Port Royal, Juniata Co. Pa. She was the youngest one in a family of twelve children and was bereft of her father at four and of her mother at ten years of age. When in 1877 her brothers and sisters left their father's farm, she made her home with her sister, **Mrs. Frances Julian Rice**, then married, and three years later removed from her native state with her sister's family and came to Nora Springs, Iowa, and two years later began to reside in Charles City.

Her illness was brief, lasting but five days, but her sufferings at times were intense. She inherited the piety of her parents. She was a consistent member of the Congregational Church of this city, attending the service regularly and showed great pleasure and delight therein.

From the first of her illness she anticipated that her disease would prove fatal and that the time of her dissolution was near at hand. On the second day of her illness she gave directions concerning the distribution of her earthly effects among her friends.

On Tuesday afternoon she was helpless and speechless for four hours. In the evening she revived and bid adieu to her friends. Later in the night, feeling still stronger, she summoned her friends again, assuring them that Jesus was very near and dear to her and requested them to sing some of her favorite hymns. In these she joined at times and thought they never seemed so sweet. She then led a prayer, invoking the divine blessing upon her acquaintances and friends, acknowledging her trust in God and expressing hope she would soon meet her father and mother, brother and sisters who had gone before, around the throne of God and of the Lamb. She lingered through the long and weary night and in the morning was gathered home.

The funeral services will be conducted at 4 o'clock by Rev. Charles Noble from the residence of **William Jerome Rice**. Her remains will be interred in the city cemetery, there to remain until the morning of the resurrection.

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