

**Margaret Jane (Raffensperger) Ickes**, (12 Feb 1852 – 20 Jul 1909), Unknown Newspaper, Buda, Illinois; **Mrs. Nicholas Ickes**

With hardly a moment's warning **Mrs. M. Ickes** was called from life Tuesday evening. She had been at a neighbor's home in the afternoon and after going home had prepared supper when she was taken ill. She had been subject to heart disease and the usual remedies for such attacks were given and a physician's services were secured, but in about half an hour she passed away.

**Margaret Jane Raffensperger** was born at Markelville, Perry County, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1852 and departed this life at her home in Buda, Illinois, Tuesday evening, July 20, 1909, at the age of 57 years, 6 months and and \_ days.

She was the daughter of **Samuel** and **Katherine (Barrack) Raffensperger**. She was one of a family of eight children of whom she was the last survivor.

She was united in marriage to **Nicholas Ickes** March 9, 1869 in Blain, Pennsylvania.

To this union there are six surviving children; **Boone** of Joliet, **George** of Moline, **Hooker** of Kewanee, and **Bert, John** and **Faun** at home, with four grandchildren and a grief-stricken husband to mourn her loss.

For twelve years **Mrs. Ickes** has not known a day without some ache or pain but always of a cheerful disposition ready to shed sunshine on someone's pathway. She has had the care of her grandson **George** for the past seven years **Mrs. Ickes** loved her family and was much absorbed in the care of her children and home. She was a kind and helpful neighbor, ever lending a hand where need and her opportunity of service called.

The funeral service was held at the home Thursday morning, conducted by Reverend Stewart. All the family being present but **Boone**, who was sick. There was a large concourse of sympathizing relatives, friends and neighbors. The Scripture Text, John 3—16 and hymns, "Asleep in Jesus", "It is Well With My Soul", "And Sometime We'll Understand", were selected by her only daughter. There was a profusion of flowers from home and abroad, expressive of sympathy and sorrow.

The internment was in Hopeland Cemetery, Buda, Illinois.