

Malinda Ellen (Charles) Richardson, (21 Jun 1848 – 27 Jan 1938), The Metz Times, Friday, February 4, 1938, Metz, MO

Funeral services for Mrs. **M. E. Richardson** were conducted by Rev. Earl Bingham, at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Metz Christian church. A choir, accompanied by Mrs. Velma Reed sang "Sweet By and By", "Home of the Soul" and "Jesus Is All the World To Me." Interment was in Balltown Cemetery.

Malinda Ellen, oldest daughter of **Joseph** and **Elizabeth Charles**, was born in Liverpool, Perry County, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1848, and passed away in Metz January 27, 1938. Had she lived until her next birthday anniversary she would have been ninety years old.

At the age of five she came with her parents by boat to Booneville and was then brought overland by ox team to the pioneer home, two miles south of the town of Metz.

On January 20, 1864 she was married to **John Richardson**, a Civil war soldier from Wisconsin who was stationed at Balltown. Except for several years spent in Wisconsin, her life was lived in this county.

Mrs. Richardson was the mother of eight children, two sons having passed away in infancy. The surviving children are: **Mrs. Dora Brewer**, Nevada; **Mrs. W. G. Morrison** and **Mrs. C. O. Wilson**, Metz; **Mrs. W. G. Palgrove**, Dallas, Texas; **Mrs. S. H. Furguson**, Topeka, Kansas and **C. D. Richardson**, Kendall, Wisconsin. She is also survived by one sister; **Mrs. Mattie Kleen**, Metz; two brothers **John Charles**, Portland, Oregon and **Ed Charles**, Sapula, Oklahoma; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Richardson united with the Christian Church at Nevada forty years ago, and later transferred her membership to the church at Metz. She was devoted to her church and led a consistent Christian life.

In her death the community has lost one of its truly pioneer women, but who was interested in every phase of its development, but whose chief interest was in her family. She has indeed left them a right heritage and her memory will be cherished by all who knew her.

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