

Clarinda Durbin Burchard Obituary



**Clarinda Durbin (left) and ?
(possibly her older sister Minerva)**



**Mary E. Theihoff Durbin Spaulding and
Clarinda Durbin Burchard. Mary was
Clarinda's niece**



**Clarinda Durbin Burchard
(1843 - 1918)
and granddaughter Peggy Stevens
February 12, 1917**

Mrs. Clarinda Burchard

Mrs. Clarinda Durbin Burchard, one of Martinsburg's pioneer citizens, died in St. Louis, April 26th.

Mrs. Burchard was born in Marion county, Missouri, in 1843 of pioneer Kentuckians. Her father, Richard Durbin moved to Missouri from Kentucky in the early days of Missouri's statehood. Mrs. Burchard was married in 1859 to Charles Burchard at Honeywell, Mo. Mr. Burchard enlisted in the Union army in 1861 and served his country loyally until the close of the Civil war. This worthy couple moved to Martinsburg in 1872. Mr. Burchard lived but a few years after coming to this place, but his wife was a resident of this community ever since. She was an exceptionally devout Catholic and did much to build up the church in Martinsburg before there was a resident pastor. During the early days, the visiting pastor celebrated mass in her home.

This splendid woman has lived in this community too long for us to attempt to tell the readers more than they already know concerning her life and character. She was the friend of all, regardless of creed or station in life. In sickness she was ever the ministering angel. She was the noblest of all creatures -- a truly Christian mother. Five children have preceded her to their Eternal home, whilst three Mrs. Lou Stevens of Butte, Mont., R. D., and A. D. Burchard of Martinsburg, survive her.

At all times, she was a real patriot -- gladly giving her young husband to the service in the early days of her marriage and later doing her bit for her country wherever she could. Even though advanced in years, she was the first Martinsburg woman to respond to the call for Red Cross workers when the United States entered into the great world war, and to her dying day, every spare moment was spent in active Red Cross work.

Mrs. Burchard spent the past winter in Little Rock, Ark., with her nephew and nieces at the home of her nephew, B. D. Kellogg. She was on her homeward journey and had stopped off at St. Louis to visit her brother, J. F. Durbin, when she was stricken with her fatal illness, valvular heart trouble, and died after a few moments of illness.

Besides her three children, she leaves to mourn her loss, twenty-one grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. C. T. Hunn of Colorado, one brother, J. F. Durbin of St. Louis and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Joseph's church. The Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Joseph Eggeman. At the close of the Mass he spoke a few words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved family and fittingly referred to the deceased as one of the first and staunchest members of the Martinsburg Catholic church. From the church the procession wended its way to the Catholic cemetery, where the last rites of the church were performed and the remains consigned to their final resting place. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The sympathy of all is with the bereaved children. The example of their mother will ever live as an ennobling factor in their lives and in the lives of those who knew her.

Those from a distance attending the funeral, were: Mrs. Lon Stephens and daughter, Miss Mary of Butte, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. B. Kellogg of Little Rock, Ark., Mr. J. Kellogg and daughter of Moberly, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Stephens, of Louisiana, Mo., Mrs. Wenzel and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Mexico, Mo., Mrs. S. Copeland and Mrs. Elton of Wellsville, Mo.

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