BUCHANAN, Martha Ann ((Ray)

October 28, 1830
Portage County, Ohio
May 11, 1923
west of Swan Lake

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MRS. THOMAS B. BUCHANAN PASSED AWAY FRIDAY

Was Oldet Settler in Turner County—Lived Here 51 Years

LAID TO REST IN HURLEY CEMETERY

Was Born in Portage Co., Ohio in October 1830 —93 Years Old

Mrs. Martha Ann Ray Buchanan passed away last Friday night at the old homestead about three miles west of Swan Lake. The family moved into this community and landed here May 3rd, 1872, coming from Portage County, Ohio.

Mr. Thomas B. Buchanan, her husband, passed away April 24, 1907. The deceased was born in Ohio 1830 and became almost 93 years old, being the oldest settler in this county.

Funeral services were conducted last Monday afternoon from the old homestead, in charge of Rev. I. Fredmund, Pastor of First Baptist Church Viborg. Mr. Fredmund's text was Psalm 90,9: "We spend our years as a tale that is told." A quartette from the Viborg Baptist church rendered several selections.

Interment was made at the Hurley cemetery. The obituary is as follows:

Martha Ann Ray Buchanan was born in Portage Co., Ohio, October 28, 1830 and passed away on the homestead three miles west of Swan Lake, Turner Co. S. Dak., May 11th, 1923. She was married to Thomas B. Buchanan, Portage Co., Ohio. in 1854. Nine children were born, two of them died in infancy. The three oldest children: Dr. Robert E. Buchanan, Mrs. Mary Jane Shinkel and Wm. H. Buchanan have passed away. The children that are still living are as follows: John R. Buchanan, St. Paul, Minn. Thomas J. Buchanan, Hurley, S. Dak. Mrs. Harriet A. Woodward, Hurley, S. Dak. and Mrs. Emma B. Jones, Sioux City, Iowa. When 18 years of age, Mrs. Buchanan decided to live the christian life, accepting Christ as Savior and Lord. She united in 1848 with the old Baptist church in Portage Co. Ohio.

Not only the large number of friends that attended the funeral services but a host of others unite in expressing their sympathy to the bereaved family.