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### **Death of a Pioneer-Jane Dunbar Wilson**

A lady interested in the development of Otoe County passes away.

Mrs. Jane Dunbar Wilson was born in the County of Antrim, thirty miles from Belfast, Ireland July 10, 1815, the oldest of seven children, none of her brothers or sisters survived her. She sailed for America with her father and mother in 1829 from Belfast arriving in Montreal, Canada after an eight week voyage. After spending the winter in Quebec, in the spring moved to New York State, not far from Buffalo. In 1832 moved to Ontario Province, Canada. On Christmas Day 1833 she was married to Thomas Henry Wilson, settling on a farm near Stratford, Ontario. In 1856 she came to Nebraska, arriving in Dunbar November 12 and lived on the old homestead since her arrival here.

Part of the townsite of Dunbar is off the old farmsite, she giving three acres for depot grounds, and 20 lots to assist in locating the village here. The town was first called Dennison, but at a conference of the townsite company the name was changed to Dunbar, in honor of her father, Thomas Dunbar, who settled here in the spring of 1856 six months before she came here.

The first Post Office was located in the old home as well as the freighting and stage station. Before Nebraska had a mile of railroad, Dunbar was the first stopping place of the freight wagons traveling between Nebraska City and Denver.

Eight children blessed the home, three boys and five girls. John, Thomas Henry, and James the boys; Jane Wilson Whittaker, Mary Ann Wilson Montgomery, Nancy Wilson Whittaker, Margaret Wilson Jones, and Elizabeth Wilson Westbrook the daughters. Two of the boys, John and James, and three of the girls, Nancy, Maggie, and Elizabeth survive her. Of her descendants there are 53 grandchildren and 105 great grandchildren.

Very early in life she professed faith in Christ. She was one of the charter members of the local United Presbyterian Church and continued so to the time of her death. She gave liberally of her means to the erection of the church and manse, also contributed to the work of local churches and missions at home and abroad. Very few, if any, United Presbyterian ministers were ever in the village, but partook of the hospitality under her roof.

The funeral sermon was preached by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Treissey, from the text "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord". The remains were taken by loving friends to be laid beside her husband who preceded her in death nearly 42 years in Wyuka Cemetery, Nebraska City.

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