

MRS. DUNCAN ROWAN

The death of Mrs. Mary Rowan, aged 93 years, 1 month and 24 days, occurred at the home of her neices, Misses Christena and Mary McLennan of Chicago, on Friday, December 9th. Mrs. Rowan had been in the best of health until about 20 minutes before passing away. Deceased's maiden name was Mary McLean. She was born in St. Thomas, her parents being Duncan McLean and Janet Fisher, who came from Scotland and settled in the above place. In 1852 she married Capt. Duncan Rowan, one of the most intrepid of the great lake captains in his day. He died in 1903. Mrs. Rowan was a woman of exceptional intelligence. In her long residence in Kincardine she has won the love and esteem of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. In her early married life she sailed many times with her husband and her love for the water made her conversant with the operation of a boat. On one occasion during a terrible storm, the wheelsman became ill and could not perform his duties. This courageous woman took the wheel and obeying the commands of her valiant husband she piloted the boat safely into the harbor. One can hardly conceive of the daring and courage which she possessed, for she was a woman quiet in manner, not given to recounting stirring scenes she passed through. She had two brothers, Captains Duncan and Donald McLean, who were well known as most fearless sailors. They passed away in their thirties. She has resided on Victoria Street for many years, where she has enjoyed the friendship of every class of citizen, and it will be with the deepest regret that all will learn of her death. Perhaps her marvellous courage was fortified by her faith in God. She was a Presbyterian and a member of Knox church. When bad weather kept many more able than she from attending church, her pastor could rest assured of one deeply interested listener. Illness alone saw her pew vacant. She had no family, but for years she has had the attention of her neices at whose home she spent each winter and where she passed away. It was on October 8th she went to Chicago, looking forward to the home-coming in the Spring, as she always did. Chicago, she made her last trip from ~~to be~~ accompanied by her faithful neices for the purpose of seeing her to her last resting place in God's Acre, the interment taking place in Kincardine cemetery on Monday afternoon. The funeral was held from Knox Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. T. D. McCullough. To the Misses McLennan the sympathy of the community is extended.

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