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Mary Murchison

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"Departed this life at the residence of her husband and in her 48th year Mrs. Mary Murchison consort of our worthy and much esteemed Brother and citizen Daniel Murchison, on the 24th Sept. 1853. On the 20th Sept at sunset returning from Crockett in company with her husband when in sight of home their horses scared and threw them both. Sister Murchison fell upon her knees being very corpulent the fall it is supposed shecked her general system very much one knee having struck a Rock Produced a wound below the cap of the knee being aided she walked home She was not considered dangerous untill the next evening when a skillful physician was sent for. The next morning mortification commencing about the ankle was perceivable which continued rapidly until it reached the bowels & stomach. Sister Murchison was the daughter of Thomas and Jane Killough was born in Rutherford county Tenn June 7th 1806. When 19 years of age in Garret county Tenn she professed faith in Christ shortly afterwards attached herself to the Presbyterian church. Was married to her now bereaved husband 15th Dec 1825 in 1830 they both joined the C. P. church. In all her affliction which was at times protracted to as much as five months she never murmured bore them with Christian fortitude complaining not that her lot was a hard one but seemed to require it at the hand of the Lord willing to submit to the will of her heavenly father. About six years ago they came to Texas and settled where she died and the hart broken husband now lives 3 three miles from Crockett houston county texas. Soon after brother and sister Murchison with two of their children joined the Trinity Congregation of the C. P. church in Crockett in which sister Murchison lived a shining light ever exhibiting a Pious and exemplary Character a regular attendant upon the means of grace and the house of god when the health of herself and family would admit of it But now her seat in the blessed sanctuary is vacant. She left four sons and four daughters five have arrived to years of maturity four of whom are members of the C. P. church and we believe are prepared by grace divine to meete their lovely and much lamented mother in the fair climes of eternal glory. The youngest child left is ten years old.

Sometime before the departure conscious of her approach to death she asked her Physician to tel her the true state of her case that she wanted him to deal honestly with her it would not alarm her neither was she afraid to die. Being assured that he could do nothing for her but to alleviate the desese she remarked to him that we all have to die and if my time is come I submit I only regret leaving my dear family. The evening before she breathed her last being in her right mind and having the present and future happiness of her dear husband and children at heart caled them around her dying couch told them she would shortly leave them and was going to heaven. She exhorted her children to be obedient to their father and make his path through Life easy. She told her oldest son she regreted leaving him more than the rest because he was not prepared to meete her in hev'n. Being asked but a short time before her exit if there were any clouds preventing her from seeing her way clear to heaven she replied not one

There was not a cloud that did arise
To hide her saviour from her eyes.