

MARY CATHARINE (GERST) HAUGHEY

Mary Catharine Gerst was born in North Bavaria, Germany, November 29, 1823. She came to this country with her parents when seven years of age. The greater part of her earlier years was spent in Ashland county, Ohio. At this place she was united in marriage with Timothy Haughey, August 30, 1846, and came to Steuben county in the same year, where the remainder of her life was passed. She was the mother of two sons and six daughters. This circle has been broken by the loss of two members, one son and one daughter. She leaves a husband with the remaining children who fully realize the truthfulness of the lines

"There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

Her main interest was in the home where the noblest work of life is performed. Here she labored with the greatest zeal and energy to please her family and to promote the welfare of each member. This she felt to be the principal work of her life and she labored ardently to perform it. She had many neighbors and warm friends who could but add that her life was made up of true purposes and pure motives. She died November 2, 1890, aged 66 years, 11 months and 4 days.

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