

Bridget Clark
Feb. 25, 1838 - Feb. 26, 1896

Mrs. Michel Clark, a brief account of whose illness and death appeared in the issue of the Recorder of last week, died at her home in Exeter township, two miles south-west of the village of Belleville, on Wednesday, Feb. 26th 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m., surrounded by those most near and dear to her, waiting for the end which was apparent to all near at hand. Her death was caused by Bright's disease, from which she had been a sufferer for nearly a year.

Her maiden name was Miss Bridget Gibbon she was born in County Galway, Ireland, Feb. 2nd 1838, emigrated with her parents to America and settled in New York state in 1849. In 1856 they moved to Janesville, Wis, where she was united in marriage to Michael Clark, Jan. 1st 1857. In February of the same year Mr. and Mrs. Clark moved to Mt Pleasant, Green Co., and on March 10th 1871 moved to Exeter, their present home. A family of seven children was born to them —six sons and one daughter, five of whom are now living, two sons having preceded her.

She was one whose greatest joy was home and the care of her loved ones; all of whom can be proud of, and ever cherish the memory of a mother, whose love, charity and christian womanhood, reaches far beyond the confines of her own family.

The funeral services were held at St. James Catholic church, Dayton, Friday morning, conducted by Rev. F. J. Lillie, of Doylestown, assisted by Rev. Schwinn, pastor.

If all our prayers had been answered,
And our mother's life had been saved,
If loving ones who attended her,
Could have saved her from the grave:
If we wished to keep her with us,
Thought more of our loss than her gain;
If her gentle spirit could know this,
It would not give her pain:
If her mission on earth was ended,
And her life work was done,
If all trials and troubles were over,
And her time to rest had come:
Thank God that she is shielded,
From the wintry winds of care,
That all our griefs and sorrows,
Can never touch her there.

NOTE: Belleville Sugar River Recorder, March 6, 1896