

Obituary.
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Into the pioneer Ohio home of Dr. Henry and Mary Downey Williams on October 21, 1834, there came a tiny dark-eyed daughter, their first born, whom they christened Sarah Jane. When this little daughter was three years of age the parents took her to a new home in Illinois. Into this Illinois home came two other daughters—Harriet and Mary. When Sarah Jane was about seven years of age she was stricken with an illness which lasted three years and left her a cripple. During this illness she lost her dearest friend—her mother, and went to the home of her grandfather Downey to live. Her father, Dr. Williams, came to Indiana and in 1845 married Harriet Ellis. With his new wife he journeyed back, by wagon, to Illinois for his little girls. Returning he established a home at Russiaville where Catherine, Ellis and Emma were born, and where Sarah Jane spent her young girlhood. On October 21, 1855, she was united in marriage to Joseph Johnson of that place. They resided in and near Russiaville until 1872 when they bought a home just west of Kokomo on the Jefferson street pike. From that time until his death Joseph was a very successful market gardner. Having no children of their own, about this time they took into their home and hearts a little daughter, Elizabeth Fry, whom they reared as tenderly as their own. There's was a peculiarly happy married life. It seemed that because of her affliction "Uncle Joe" was doubly kind and devoted, but on Christmas Day, December 25, 1895, he was called home, and "Aunt Sade" was left alone, the daughter having married and established a home of her own. "Aunt Sade" then went to the home of her sister Harriet—the wife of William F. Gordon where she remained until Harriet's death. Since that time she made her home with her nieces and nephews, into whose homes she was always welcome, for they all loved "Aunt Sade." About two years ago she came to Kokomo to the home of her foster-daughter, Mrs. Lewis Moore. Soon after that she had a fall and has been an invalid, never having taken a step. During all this time she has been such a patient sufferer that her life has been a lesson and a benediction to all who came in touch with it—nor has the devotion of this foster daughter been less beautiful. Having been a shut-in for so long her circle of friends was not large but was numbered by all who came in touch with her life. In conversation with her brother not long since she expressed herself as being ready when the summons came. She entered into rest Thursday, August 10, 1916 having reached the ripe age of 81 years, 9 months and 19 days. She leaves a brother, Ellis Williams of Batavia, Illinois, a sister, Mrs. Emma Mitchell, of Vernon, Kansas, a foster daughter, Mrs. Lewis Moore of Kokomo, and a large number of nieces and nephews, all of whom will cherish the memory of the well spent life of "Aunt Sade."

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