

Eliza (Elizabeth) Bennis Goodner Harper

Birth date	December 6, 1823
Location	Madison City, Tennessee??
Death Date	April 6, 1860
Husband	Jennings Chapel Cemetery Rev. John Henry Harper
Mother	Zelphia Orpah Rosebrough Goodner (1790-1851)
Father	Rev. David Goodner (1788-1848)
Siblings	Blooming Goodner (1817-1841) Malinda Goodner Stillwell (1819-1897)
Children	Mary Thompson Harper Smith (1849-1925) David Samuel Harper (1850-1925) Bloomington Turner Harper (1853-1928) Orpah Anne Harper Crimm (1854-1929) Nancy Jane Harper (1856-1857) Martha Eliza Harper Montgomery (1857-1935) Infant Son Harper (1859-1859)

Additional Information

Hymn
Married to Rev Harper 11-10-1847

Death of Eliza (Elizabeth) Bennis Goodner Harper

It becomes my painful duty to record the death of our highly respected and dearly beloved sister, Eliza B. Harper, the wife of the Rev. John H. Harper, and daughter of the Rev. David Goodner, and Orpah Ann, his wife. Sister Eliza B. was born December 6, 1823, in Madison city, and departed this life the 6th of April, 1860 in Tuskalooosa city. The subject of this notice professed religion in the 10th year of her age at Macedonia campground, Tenn. the second camp meeting held at that place by the then called Reformers. She expressed a few hours before her death to the writer how glad she was that the opportunity was given her there to join the church. The writer well knows that since the latter part of 1848, one year after the marriage of Br. Harper and Sister Eliza B. Goodner, she has been orderly in walk and conversation. Her disease was said to be that of her lungs, and in the latter part of her sickness the writer talked often with her on the subject of religion. She professed strong faith in the Lord Jesus. The pleasures and charms of this world had all receded in her sight; all that called her to stay was her five children, and she requested an interest in our prayers to enable her to give them up freely to the Lord. Two days before her departure she told me that she had given them up. The evening of her death her neighbors had gathered in to see the sainted spirit leave the world. The goodness of God, I asked world. When I entered the room where she lay musing on her if her faith was strong. She answered - unshaken confidence, Br. Daniel. She then reaching out her hand to her husband, commenced exhorting him to faithfulness. She exhorted him to try to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Her husband asked her if she wanted to see her children. She answered - yes. The oldest was presented and better counsel seldom was given. She conversed with them all, the last being about two years old. She prayed the blessings of God upon the babe, then turning to her neighbors exhorted one and all to be faithful and meet her in heaven. And when her brother-in-law Hamner came in, she caught his hand and such a heavenly smile I seldom ever saw. And then turning to the Baptist lady exhorted her to be faithful and meet her in heaven. She said, although we differ here in sentiment, yet I believe if faithful we will meet again. Taking her mother-in-law by the hand to talk with her, she explained. "I am too full, too happy to make any answer." The next day she was followed by almost all of her neighbors to the graveyard of Jennings Chapel, where her body was interred.
Tuskalooosa city, Ala, June 1860 - D.G.H. - (Daniel Gaines Hamner)

