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utiful traits of character cannot
elp but kindle a feeling of grief in
every heart in Vermontville for Nina
Barber has enjoyed that which she
was justly entitled to—the universal
love, respect and admiration of the
community.

This noble young woman, whose un-
timely death at the age of not quite 33
years has for the time being converted
the greater part of the village popula-
tion into a single body of mourners
with a common grief, was born Janu-
ary 27th, 1883, at Sturgis, Michigan,
where she spent most of her girlhood
days and received her early education.
She was a member of the once famous
Wilde family of musicians and for
many years travelled throughout the
United States with what was then
known as the Wilde Family Symphony
Orchestra, consisting of her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilde, four broth-
ers and two sisters. After leaving
Sturgis the family located at Battle
Creek and were afterwards heard here
in concert work on several occasions.
The mother died October 4th, 1894,
and a few years later Nina came
to Vermontville, where she had made
some staunch friends, and for a
time took up her residence with Mr.
and Mrs. F. F. Ambrose, later making
her home for several years with Mr.
and Mrs. David Young. She was an
accomplished violinist and vocalist
and for many years her music had en-
captured numerous local audiences.
She continued her musical training
and for two years received instruction
both in violin and voice culture from
Henri Ero at the Detroit Conservatory
of Music and later was a pupil of

Harold Bauer of New York.

On September 25th, 1910, in the resi-
dence where her death occurred, she
was united in marriage to Vance F.
Barber, the now bereaved husband.
Though their home had never been
blessed by children it was neverthe-
less one of complete domestic felicity
and was always open to friends of
whom she had many, and possessed
the sweet disposition to retain them.
She affiliated with the Congregational
church and for some time gave valu-
able assistance in the choir and though
forced by a frail constitution to cease
active connection her devotion remain-
ed steadfast to the end.

Besides the young husband she is
survived by her father, W. B. Wilde,
of San Diego, Cal., one sister, Mrs.
Henry Snyder of Chicago, and four
brothers, Arthur E. Wilde, cello
soloist with Damrosch's Symphony
Orchestra of New York, Neil Wilde of
Detroit, Ralph W. of Los Angeles,
Cal., and Marcus R. of Mountain
View, Cal.

Services were conducted at her home
Monday afternoon by Rev. Ste Clare
Parsons of Greenville, a former pastor
of the Congregational church here,
whose beautiful funeral oration was
sincerely appreciated by the relatives
and scores of friends who gathered to
pay final respects. Unusually beau-
tiful and delicate floral pieces from
the Masonic, Eastern Star and Odd-
fellow lodges of Vermontville and the
Chapter and Consistory of Charlotte,
besides those from the local business
men and other friends testified to the
esteem in which the deceased was held.
During the hour of service the busi-
ness places closed as a last respectful

tribute to her memory and as the sol-
emn cortege proceeded on its way
those ordinarily strong were moved to
tears when the full realization of the
loss came upon them.

Today the mortal remains of Nina
Barber are at rest beneath a newly
made mound in Woodlawn cemetery
but her sweet memory lingers with
her relatives and friends.

Mrs. Rollin Sprague and two daugh-
ters, Margaret and Madeline returned
to Kalamazoo Tuesday after spending
a few days with her brother, A. L.
Barningham and family.

Mrs. Vern Hiar and children of
Marshall have been spending a few
days with her parents and other rela-
tives here. Vern came over Saturday
and remained until Sunday evening.

Those from out of town who were
here to attend the funeral of the late
Nina Barber Monday afternoon were
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wilde of Detroit,
her sister, Mrs. Henry Snyder of Chic-
ago, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DePlanta
of Grand Rapids, Chas. Potts of Hast-
ings and Ned B. Alsover and wife of
Charlotte.

Arrive Safely in Florida.

A letter last week from H. H. Curtis,
who with his wife and daughter left
Vermontville December fourth on their
long automobile trip to Florida, re-
ports their safe arrival at West Palm
Beach, where they will spend the win-
ter. The entire distance of 1,500 miles
was covered along roads of the good,
bad and indifferent variety though the
weather was such as to make the trip
a most enjoyable one. Stops were
made at the principal cities en route
and much beautiful scenery is reported

all along the line. In speaking of
some of the roads Mr. Curtis says they
were hard—and we take it that he
means "hard" as a good many of them
are built out of rock. Outside of fire
trouble of a minor nature little diffi-
culty was experienced and the only
real excitement of the overland journey
was furnished near Jacksonville when
a southern nigger's hound pup for-
feited his life when he ran beneath the
wheels of the car. This was about the
only time the party felt the cold, each
of the trio experiencing a sudden chill
when they soon afterwards saw the
owner of the dog emerge from the road-
side armed with a shotgun. No time
was lost in throwing the machine into
high speed, but it so happened that he
had been out on a little hunting ex-
pedition and had evidently never
touched a "hare" and seeing the dis-
aster broke forth into a laugh as though
he fully enjoyed the incident.

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OBITUARY.

MRS. JENNIE M. GUNN

Mrs. Jennie M. Gunn, daughter of
Joseph and Lucy Perrv, was born in
Missouri on the second day of Septem-
ber, 1840, and died in Charlotte of
apoplexy, December 7, 1916, after an
illness covering only a few days.

In 1844, she moved with her parents
to Laporte, Indiana, and in 1856, was
wedded to Chauncey T. Gunn. This
happy union was blessed with seven
children, three of whom have already
passed to the Great Beyond, a girl
who died in infancy, Arthur, who died