Maggie, daughter of Joel and Rachel G. Rees, and beloved wife of Thomas J. Berry, was born in Highland County, Ohio, October 14, 1849 and died at her residence near Dunkirk, Indiana, October 16, 1889, aged 40 years and 2 days.

The deceased was united in marriage to Thomas J. Berry on the 30th day of August, 1870. The union being blessed with six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom, with their sorrowing father, mourn the loss of the loved one. But they mourn not as those who have no hope, for Maggie died with the full assurance of eternal life beyond, where she earnestly entreated husband and children to meet her.

Deceased was a member of Charity Lodge No. 18, Daughters of Rebeckah, I.O.O.F. and by that order, were the last sad rites of her funeral and burial conducted, there being an immense attendance of the sisters of that and neighboring lodges, aided by their brethren of the subordinate lodge. The funeral was preached at the M.E. Church, by Rev. A. J. Lewellen, assisted by Revs. Howard and Clark. The attendance being the largest ever seen at this place, more than three hundred people being turned away, for lack of standing room. Interment was made at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, of Dunkirk, October 18, 1889, after the mystic rites and solemn service of the Rebeckah degree were performed.

Portland Commercial, Jay County, IN; October 24, 1889

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