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DIED On last Tuesday afternoon. A large concourse of relatives and friends met at the Methodist Church to pay the last tribute to the mortal remains of Mrs. James I. Fountain, who died on the morning of the 15t h, after many months of intense suffering. As a wife and mother she was faithful and being tried in the furnace of affliction like pure gold she stood the test, and expressed herself a few days before she died as one who had been with Jesus.

The beautiful and impressive funeral service of the Methodist church was conducted by Rev J.D. Anthony, the music from the organ by Mrs. Jones was touchingly sweet.

Notes by WHO. According to her tombstone, Sabrina was born Feb 22, 1832, a date that is consistent with her age 29 in the 1860 Berrien County GA FC. Her oldest child, Maxie Jane (enumerated variously as Samancen, Samaxa) was born August 18, 1845, according to her tombstone, and again this date is consistent with the FC. So, to make a long story short Sabrina was pregnant in 1844, when she was 12 and James Issac was 25. One source puts her marriage at age 10, and I guess it is possible. After a dozen children, it is surprising that she lived until her early 60s. How times have changed, in a good way.