

MME. ELISA MUENTEFERING, NOTED MUSICIAN, IS DEAD

Gifted Woman, Descendant of Distinguished Family, Dies at the Home of Her Son.

With the death of Madam Elisa Muentefering Monday, one of the most remarkable characters in Omaha musical circles passed away. Madam Muentefering died Monday evening [Oct. 4] at the residence of her son, Herman Muentefering, 2929 Dorcas street, and the funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, at the residence of her son.

The services were conducted by Rev. George A. Beecher, dean of Trinity cathedral. The pallbearers were O. G. Osborne, H. C. Shears, Charles Muentefering and H. S. Muentefering. Interment was at Forest Lawn.

Madam Muentefering came of a distinguished and wealthy musical family, her [grand-]father being a distinguished Italian violinist in London [father, Nicholas Mori fils b. London Jan 14, 1822 d. c. 1890 was a minor violinist and composer]. In her youth she had unusual musical and social advantages. Her mother's [Elphège Mori, b. France 1827 c. Omaha 4 Nov 1905] father [Charles-Antoine Cambon *b.* Paris 1802, *d.* Paris 2 March 1875], who was a French artist, made the first sketches for the Paris productions of the modern Italian operas. He was chief of the decorative corps of the Paris opera house in which the productions were first seen, the position carrying with it unusual honor.

Madam Muentefering used to speak of De Musset, the noted French writer, being a guest at their home. In her youth she was a piano pupil of Sir Charles Hallé, one of the most noted of the teachers in London, and he frequently urged her to adopt a professional career. Her family was wealthy and she did not do so until she came to America with her husband. She played in concert with Sherwood, the well-known Chicago pianist.

She met her husband in London, he being a member of a distinguished German family.

After coming to Omaha she taught at the Sacred Heart convent for many years, many Omahans of the older families being her pupils.

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