

Dr. J. H. Friend Reviews

Born in Sugar Creek Township in 1859; Father Killed by Indians in Montana.

A lovely birthday dinner was served Tuesday, June 20, by G. H. Hiser at Hotel Monroe to Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Friend, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Garner and the host, the occasion being Dr. Friend's 80th birthday.

The table was centered with a large cut glass bowl, a present to Dr. and Mrs. Friend a number of years ago, filled with red roses, baby breath and ferns.

As telegrams, special delivery letters and little remembrances arrived, they were placed around the centerpiece. Dr. Friend was very much pleased and immediately began looking over the collection.

A Bit of Sunshine (a Gibson product), "Pal o' Mine" written

by Maurine Hathaway, was presented by Mrs. Friend and to the doctor's delight, among the remembrances were new pipes to be tried out with several good brands of his favorite tobaccos.

Pioneer Osteopath.

Dr. Friend is one of the pioneer osteopaths and has practiced in Grinnell for 32 years. Prior to this he was engaged in teaching and farming, also running a general store and post office at Oak Grove while teaching. Selling the store in 1896, he bought land, owning several farms all in Poweshiek county. His health began to fail and this is when he became interested in osteopathy, taking the course and following the practice up to the present time.

Dr. Friend has supplied The Herald-Register with the following account of a long and event-

ful life. He was born June 20, 1859, in what had been the first school house in Poweshiek county, in Sugar Creek township, 13 miles south of Grinnell, which was the principal trading point for the community. This school house had been built on government land from government timber by donated labor and four weeks of school were taught gratis by William English and John McDowell, each donating two weeks.

Father Killed by Indians.

In 1853 the land was entered and improvements were made and in 1858 it was sold to Franklin Friend, father of Dr. Friend, who was killed by Blood Indians in Montana May 26, 1865, leaving the mother to rear the four children in the post-Rebellion days, which were worse than any that the country has experienced.

Life On His 80th Birthday

since. The South was in ruins, cotton goods were at prohibitive prices and other things were priced proportionately. Barter was the only solution.

There was no possible chance for education but home study, literary societies and spelling schools at the homes of neighbors helped to fill the need. As the settlers had to be in or near timber for fuel and building ma-

terial, there was plenty of work clearing farms, fencing, building, etc., so no one was idle. Wages, of course, were very low and in trade, 15 to 20 cents per day and board for grubbing, chopping and other heavy work but the work was healthful and developing for growing boys and helped also to form habits of industry.

Truant Wrecks School.

In 1860 a school building of soft brick was built by donation

which served until 1872, when it was wrecked beyond repair by a truant vandal boy to avoid going to school. After that there was no school house until 1876, when a school fund became available and a good building was built and school provided for the future.

Dr. Friend attended school there, in the Iowa College Academy in Grinnell and at Drake

university, where he took a course in law. He taught rural and town schools in and near home until 1904, when a break in his health caused him to turn to osteopathy. When he first began teaching he taught at District No. 1 in Washington township and in 1888 he married one of his pupils, Miss Myra McDonald. By combining teaching and farming they have succeeded in celebrating their golden wedding, anni-

versary, and in rearing the following children: Mrs. Gladys Engelman of Minneapolis; Dr. A. M. Friend of Independence; Mrs. Leona Hartley of Seattle, Wash.; Dr. J. Hayward Friend of Milwaukee and Dr. Homer C. Friend of Davenport. One daughter, Myra, died in 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Friend were both born and reared in Poweshiek

county and never have had any other home. Their children were educated here and no other place could be home for them. "We feel," says Dr. Friend, "that these people are our people. We appreciate the friendships which we have formed and the kindness and brotherly love which we have experienced. We enjoy our life here and we wish to express our thanks to all the friends whom we so sincerely appreciate."

DEATH COMES CLOSE ON HEELS OF BIRTHDAY

Dr. J. H. Friend Dies Fri- day Evening of a Heart Attack.

Last Tuesday Dr. J. H. Friend, well-known and beloved osteopathic physician of Grinnell, celebrated his eightieth birthday. In Thursday's paper appeared an account of the doctor's long life in this county, of which he was one of the real pioneers, having been born and made his home in the county all his life long. Dr. Friend was greatly pleased with it and Friday morning, apparently in his usual health, he dropped into the office after some papers. That evening he was dead.

The transition from life to death came with startling suddenness. In the evening the family was preparing to sit on the porch and enjoy the concert by the high school band and the doctor had been carrying some chairs from the basement to the porch. The exertion was too much for his heart. He died without a word or without a struggle.

Nothing that The Herald-Register can print about Dr. Friend can improve on the account of his life which he wrote himself without any idea on the part of anyone that it would also be his own obituary. For a man of his years he was extraordinarily well preserved and seemed to have many happy years ahead of him. No greater testimony can be given of the regard in which he was held in this community than the instant reaction when news of his death was passed around. People liked Dr. Friend. They trusted him. They appreciated the rugged integrity of his character. They considered him as a friend.

While his sudden passing is a shock to all his family and friends there is comfort in the thought that he was spared any long and wasting illness and that death came swiftly and mercifully.

Funeral services will be held at 8 o'clock this evening from the home, 822 Park street, conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis. There will be Masonic services at the grave in Hazelwood cemetery. Pall bearers will be Geo. R. Clifton, Dr. R. E. Brooker, Dr. D. F. Johnson, Cecil Myers, G. H. Hiser and Homer Richardson.

"WE SHALL MISS HIM"

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DR. JAMES H. FRIEND.

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The osteopathic school for treatment of physical ills of humanity has a worthy representative in Dr. James H. Friend, of Grinnell, whose increasing clientage is evidence of the esteem in which he is held in this city. He was born in Poweshiek county on a farm about twelve miles south of Grinnell, June 20, 1859, a son of Franklin and Martha J. (Stanley) Friend. The father was a native of Illinois and the mother of Virginia. The grandparents on both sides of the family came to Poweshiek county. The paternal grandfather, Elijah Friend, arrived here in 1849 and located three miles northeast of Lynnville, adjoining the Jasper county line, while the maternal grandfather, John T. Stanley, reached here in 1851 and located in Sugar Creek township, five miles east of Lynnville. Franklin Friend was married to Martha J. Stanley at Montezuma in 1853, the ceremony being performed by Rev. James Johnson. He located on land in Washington township, which he cultivated to good advantage until 1864, when he yielded to the gold excitement and started for the Montana gold fields. After arriving at the miles he selected a location in Jefferson valley and staked out a mining claim, which he proposed to work later. In 1865 he started homeward but on reaching Fort Benton found that the boat in which he expected to take passage down the river was delayed. A large amount of government supplies was received at the fort about this time and there being no warehouse in which to store them volunteers were called for to go into the forest and cut logs for a house. This was dangerous service as the Indians were lurking in the vicinity and were highly incensed at the encroachments of the white men upon their hunting grounds. Mr. Friend and about a dozen companions volunteered to perform the work and while engaged in this undertaking the party was ambushed and every man was killed. Mrs. Friend was later married to Levi H. McDowell,

who came to Poweshiek county with his parents in 1848. She died January 31, 1896.

James H. Friend was reared upon the home farm and notwithstanding the death of his father he secured good advantages of education. After attending the district schools he became a student at Grinnell Academy and later at Cailanan College, which was under general supervision of Drake University. In 1887, having thoroughly prepared himself, he took up teaching as a profession and for seventeen years taught in various schools of the county, becoming recognized as one of the most capable educators in this section of the state. In 1904, however, he became interested in osteopathy and entered the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1906. He immediately opened offices at Grinnell but shortly afterward was invited to Story City to take charge of the practice of Dr. O. F. Beckett, who was temporarily called away. The absence of Dr. Beckett was prolonged and Dr. Friend remained three years in Story City. In 1909 he returned to Grinnell, where he maintains well appointed offices and has built up an extensive practice.

On the 24th of December, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Myra McDonald, a native of Poweshiek county, and by this union six children have been born, namely: Gladys, who was educated at Grinnell high school and Iowa College and is now successfully teaching in the district schools; Arthur McDonald, a student in the high school; Leona and James, who are attending the graded school; Myra A.; and Homer C.

Dr. Friend has seen no reason to regret giving up his profession as a teacher to engage in the healing art. From the beginning of his practice he has evinced a natural adaptability to the vocation and his services are steadily growing in demand, his patients being numbered among his best friends and most enthusiastic advocates. He is an intelligent gentleman and as he has been a life-long student and investigator he has a highly cultivated mind which has been brightened by contact with the world and also by systematic study and reflection. His skill in the treatment either of acute or chronic diseases is widely acknowledged throughout this part of the state. Politically he is independent, preferring to vote for the man rather than for the party, and fraternally he is identified with Herman Lodge, No. 273, A. F. & A. M., of Grinnell, and Baldur Lodge, No. 279, Knights of Pythias, of Story City.

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