

# USEFUL LIFE OF GIDEON O. WATLAND ENDS

## Funeral Services Were Held This Afternoon From Church.

Gideon O. Watland was born Jan. 25, 1865, the son of Ole and Bertha Watland. He was born, reared, and grew to manhood on a farm near New Sharon. In that home he had four sisters and four brothers, of whom he was next to the oldest. In his early youth he attended school in New Sharon and in young manhood went to business college for a time in Cedar Rapids.

He was united in marriage on Feb. 22, 1893 to Clara N. Anderson at the home of the bride in Leland, Ill. Immediately after their marriage Gideon and Clara Watland moved to a farm which he had bought near Dunbar, Iowa, where they lived for about two years. In 1895 they sold the farm and moved to New Sharon, where Gideon Watland entered the lumber, grain and coal business. In New Sharon their children were born; a daughter, Bernice, in 1895, and a son, Clarence, in 1896. In 1898 the family moved to Clarksville, Iowa, where Gideon Watland reentered the lumber, grain and coal business, and where they lived until Jan. 1, 1911.

### Comes To Grinnell

At that time Gideon Watland bought the Beth Jenkins lumber yard which used to be on the corner of Fourth avenue and West street in Grinnell, and the family moved to Grinnell. In 1925 Gideon Watland bought the former B. J. Carney lumber yard from the Stokelys, and closed the yard

on Fourth avenue. In the fall of 1929 he sold this yard to E. L. York and retired from business.

During his business career Gideon Watland was always active in the encouragement and financial support of all community enterprises. He was a member of the Commercial Club; and a member of the B. P. O. E. at the time of the building of the Elks block. He was a charter member of the holding committee of the Country Club. He was a stockholder in the Grinnell Aeroplane Co. He was a member of the holding committee which maintained the Grinnell fair grounds for years after the last fair was held. He was a contributor to the building of the Community Hospital, where his name is inserted on one of the door plates. He was a stockholder and director of the Citizens National bank.

Gideon Watland proudly claimed to hold a birthright membership in the Friends church which he regularly attended in early life and so long as he resided in proximity to a Friends church. After the family moved to Clarksville they became affiliated with the Methodist church, in which Gideon Watland retained an active membership throughout his life. During his productive years he was a substantial contributor to the support of his faith and was always regular in attendance at the services of his church. Although in later years his hearing had failed so that he missed much of the service, he nevertheless continued to be present, weather permitting, in his accustomed place in Sunday School and church on Sunday morning, and was there on the day preceding his death. His was a quiet faith, but all the more deep-seated; and he has been prepared to meet his Maker for lo, these many years.

### Loved His Home

In 1917 Gideon Watland had constructed the home at the corner of 10th Avenue and Main street to which the family moved on the day before Thanksgiving of that year. Since that time his home has been his pride and joy. Since the time of his retirement from business he has been active in the management of several residential properties, but most particularly in caring for the grounds of his home. In fair weather he could usually be found working on the lawn, or the shrubs or the garden at home, and was engaged in this work at the time of his passing. We are thankful to a Merciful God that he was spared a lasting or painful illness.

Gideon Watland died on the evening of Oct. 5, 1942 at the age of 77 years, 8 months and 10 days. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Bernice, by one

brother, and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Clara; his son, Clarence, of Newburg; three brothers, Henry of Oskaloosa, Albert and Clarence of Albert Lea, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Emelia Sawyer of Leland, Ill., and Mrs. Tena Rinden of Oskaloosa; and two grandsons, Julian and George of Newburg.

We, who mourn his passing, rejoice in the assurance that he has gone to a fairer, eternal life in a place that Jesus has prepared. We will remember him to the end of our days as a kind and loving husband and father.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. C. D. Loose, with interment in the New Sharon cemetery. Pall bearers were Carl E. Child, Homer Richardson, E. L. York, Ross V. Coutts, Martin Eichhorn and Ed Comerford.

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up Ireland." Loupee is a former Central college basketball and baseball star, and was inducted into the medical corps of the army. He served so proficiently he was selected to be returned to the states for officers' training in medical business work.

The folks in Ireland are good and kindly folks, but they are a long ways behind the States. The gap was best explained when an Irishman riding a road on his two-wheeler when a jeep went racing by. He didn't see anything of it. Republicans who often get into trouble over there.

American soldiers get a little food as they do, in the States, not so much of it. Since space is very important, the boys are healthy and busy with a grim job. They want to get over as soon as possible.

Their allowances of money for beer, candy bars and cigarettes are making horse trading with our soldiers. One boy offered something he doesn't want, something he wants. When everyone finishes perfect with the deals he has made.

Loupee brought home a copy of Irish and English news and they show the effects of the war, most of them being four to six pages. The "Ireland American paper" and "Stripes", a tabloid which gives army news and information in which you would be interested — the Superman comic strip.

Ireland mostly raises flax for linen. The flax did not bring home much, however, because it is so cheap. He visited Bernice times and says it's q



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