Solomon Brown

Grinnell Herald Register
23 February 1953.

Solomon Brown
Stricken In Home
Where He Lived alone

Solomon Brown, of 715 1/2
Spring street, formerly a cook at
the college but an invalid for
the past few months, died in a
local hospital Sunday afternoon.
He was found Saturday night by
neighbors who went to the home
where he lived alone after they
had not seen him around as
usual. He was rushed to the hospi-
tal but never rallied. Mr.
Brown’s wife, who preceded him
in death, was a sister of Mrs.
E. A. Renfrow, who is now in
Washington, D. C.

Funeral plans are indefinite,
but the services will be held in
Des Moines. Friends may call
the Smith funeral home for par-
ticulars.

Des Moines Register
23 February 1953.

Solomon Brown
Dies at Age 81

Solomon Brown, 81, of 1157
Eleventh st., died Sunday at a
Grinnell hospital after a 2-day
illness.

A Des Moines resident for 50
years, Mr. Brown served as a
cook at the Hotel Kirkwood and
at Grinnell college.

He was a member of the
Maple Street Baptist church and
Brotherhood, Inc.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs.
Rose Gue and Mrs. Maggie Wil-
son, both of Fort Dodge; and a
stepson, Will Good of Des Moines.

Services will be at 2 p.m.
Wednesday at Estes & Son Fu-
neral home, with burial at Glen-
dale cemetery.

From the notes of Dan Kaiser, Grinnell historian:

Solomon Brown (born in Iowa 1873?-22 Feb 1953) was an African American who was a long-time cook at
Grinnell College in the 1920s and 1930s. In 1920 he married Anna Katherine Goode (1867-1946), the widow
of Edward Goode and mother of William Goode. Her maiden name was Anna Katherine Craig.

Brown’s death notice appeared in the Grinnell Herald Register on 23 February 1953 and also in the Des
Moines Register on 23 February 1953.