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Mrs. Anna Abel Buried Here

May 4, 1927

Anna Rainey was born in Ireland, June 1, 1847. She was the youngest of four girls and after the father's death the family came to the United States and settled near Utica, New York. On March 3, 1866 she was united in marriage with Francis Abel and with her husband came to Grinnell the following year, making her home near Oak Grove. The year following was spent on a farm in Benton County but the family returned to Grinnell and bought a farm at Oak Grove. Here three sons were born, one of whom died in infancy. In 1874 they moved to town and lived in town until 1877 when they returned to the farm south of town staying there until 1893 when they again returned to Grinnell. Another son was born to them in this period and the three boys mourn her death. They are Fred L. Abel of Los Angeles; D. C. Abel of Cedar Falls and B. A. Abel of Grinnell. Mr. Abel died in Nov. 1913.

Two years ago Mrs. Abel went to California to make her home with her son Fred L. and it was at his home that she passed away April 29, 1927. Mrs. Abel united with the Methodist Church at Blue Point many years ago and had maintained her faith to the last. In addition to the sons she is survived by eight grand-children. Funeral services were held at the Snyder Brothers Chapel on Thursday afternoon, May 4th in Grinnell, Iowa, conducted by the Rev. George Blagg of the Methodist Church. Mrs. D. H. Snook and Mrs. R. T. Bouma sang appropriate hymns and the body was laid to rest in Hazelwood.