

WILL H. ALLEY DIED SATURDAY AT AGE OF 86

Died 11-1941,

Was One of The Pioneer Settlers of This Vicinity.

William Henry Alley, 86, one of the pioneer settlers of this vicinity, passed away at his home at 1216 West street last Saturday. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. C. D. Loose will be in charge, assisted by Rev. W. S. Kight of Des Moines. Burial will be in the Sheridan cemetery.

The third of 10 children. Will Alley was the son of Jeremiah and Catherine Gifford Alley and was born near Trenton, Ontario, Canada on Nov. 24, 1854. The family moved from Canada to Madison, Wis., in 1856 and 10 years later made their home near Sheridan in Tama county, Iowa where they settled on a farm.

Farmed in Sheridan

On March 11, 1879, Mr. Alley was married to Mary Jane Stickle, whose parents had been close friends of the Alley family in Canada. This marriage took place at the Methodist church near Dillon, Ia., and the young couple started housekeeping on their farm in Sheridan township.

Four children were born to them; all daughters—Sadie, Edith, Nelle and Hazel. The mother died on Oct. 3, 1894, and only one of the children, Nelle, survives her father.

Moved Here in '95

The following year Mr. Alley moved to Grinnell, where his mother and brother, John, had made their home. He was remarried to Amelia Speth Smith on Jan. 2, 1896, and the next year built the home on West street in which he lived until his death. One child Roger, was born of this marriage. Amelia

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Alley died Aug. 14, 1914. Her daughter, Bertha Smith, continued to make her home with her stepfather and brother.

Mr. Alley engaged in farming during most of his life. Even after he moved to Grinnell he maintained and managed the farm in Sheridan township where he lived in his youth and farming remained his chief interest.

Was Horse Dealer

For many years he held the contract for sprinkling the streets of Grinnell. He also engaged in the buying and selling of fine draft horses—horses were his hobby—and for a time he was a dealer in grain. Throughout his varied business career he maintained a high reputation for honesty and integrity in all his dealings which was a source of understandable pride.

During his entire life he was an active member of the Methodist church. He served his community for 25 years as a volunteer fireman and was at one time a member of the city council. Until recently he was active in the Elks lodge, Knights of Pythias and the Modern Brotherhood of America.

Survivors

On Oct. 29, 1918 he married Belle Harris Thompson, who survives him. He is also survived by four brothers: John Alley of Grinnell, from whom he was never long separated throughout his life; George and Enos Alley of McAllen, Tex.; and Charles E. Alley of Gueydan, La.

Also surviving are a son, Roger of Ames; one daughter, Mrs. C. J. Turner of Grinnell; two grandchildren—Mary Eleanor Barnes and Roger A. Barnes; and his step-children, Bertha Smith, Mrs. Susie Phipps, Ben, Ed and Silas Thompson; and many other relatives and friends.

Pall bearers at the funeral tomorrow will be old friends of Mr. Alley: Dean Eichhorn, Norman Pilgrim, Raymond Norris, Jay Parrott, Charles Cessna and Alex Manson. Honorary pall bearers will be N. J. Morgart, Al Breeden, Walter Neely, E. H. Bump, N. J. Hartzell and Anson Moxley.