

5-13 CLEMENT BEELER 1921

Clement Laird Vallandingham Beeler, son of George and Nancy Beeler, was born on a farm near Blue Point, Poweshiek County, Iowa, June 24, 1863. He was the youngest of a family of nine children. He attended the country school of his home neighborhood and learned to work as farm boys in those early days had to work.

At the age of twenty-one he left home to start farming on his own account, but later returned to work the old home place.

On August 10th, 1884 he was married to Mary Jenkins, but was called to mourn her loss just ten months later. A child, Edna May, born at the time of her mother's death, lived but a year. On November 10th, 1886, Mr. Beeler married his deceased wife's sister, Edna Jenkins. To them were born seven children, three of whom died in infancy.

About fourteen years ago, Mr. Beeler moved to Grinnell and has been actively employed in this vicinity ever since. He had worked at County Road work for five years, and it was while engaged in operating a tractor that the accident occurred that brought his life so suddenly to a close last Monday, May 9th.

Clem Beeler was a good worker, his industry, competence and reliability being attested by the length of time he was retained in the employ of the same people. He was generous to a fault, and had a great fondness for children, a liking which they always returned. In recent months he had become particularly earnest in religious matters and all will testify to the sincerity and energy of his effort to lead the Christian life.

He was a member of the Yeoman and of the Woodmen of the World. Many friends will mourn his passing. He is survived by his brother, Fred Beeler, his sister, Mrs. Mary Garrett, his wife and four daughters, Mrs. Nancy May Beason, Mrs. Ruth McDowell, Mrs. Mabel McDowell, and Mrs. Addie Peters, and by ten grandchildren.

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is still.

His step upon our thresholds

Will ne'er be heard again

His chair, no one can fill.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Emma Rosenberger and Rev. E. W. Cross on Wednesday afternoon from the home of Mr. Burt Beason, 3 Main Street and from the Friends Church at Blue Point. Mrs. Eli Greg-