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**JOHN EDWARD BUFFUM.**

John Edward Buffum, son of Joseph C. Buffum, was born in Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 8, 1862, and passed away at the Cedar Valley hospital in Charles City, Ia., March 23, 1920, aged 57 years, three months and 15 days. Mr. Buffum when a small boy moved with his parents to a farm near Grinnell, Iowa, where he lived until he became a man. He then went to Lake Park, where he conducted a barber shop for 18 years. February 23, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Brown of Davenport, Iowa, and during the twenty-seven years of their married life love, joy and happiness found a sweet abiding place. To this happy union one child, Mary Alta, was born and the wonderful father love has been manifest through the years for his only child.

About 11 years ago the family moved to Grinnell where he spent about 10 years in the mercantile business. Then after spending about a year in Ogden the family came to Charles City where he continued to live until his death. Mr. Buffum had not been in very robust health for about a year and in February of this year was a victim of the influenza from which he never recovered. Thursday, March 5, he was taken much worse and an operation advised which on Saturday he submitted to, but to no avail, and the following Tuesday surrounded by his loved ones, he departed on that journey from which no traveler returns. Mr. Buffum has been a devoted and active member of the I. O. O. F. for the past twenty-four years.

Funeral services were held at the home, 1005 Court St., Saturday afternoon, March 27, conducted by Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., of the Congregational church. Mr. Buffum is survived by his wife and daughter and three brothers: Seth A., of Montezuma, Ia., Elmer E., of Flagler, Colo., and William H., of Orland, California. The I. O. O. F. had charge of the services at the grave where he was laid to rest in beautiful Riverside cemetery.