

Monday, January 11, 1965

Clint Butler, 97, Succumbs Today; Wednesday Rites

Clint Butler, age 97, of Grinnell, passed away early this morning (Monday) at a local hospital where he had made his home for the last few years.

Funeral services for Mr. Clint Butler will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Peter Schuler of Lynnville Friends church officiating. Burial will be in Old Settlers cemetery, Lynnville. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

He was the son of John D. Butler and Anna Star Cooper, born Sept. 1, 1867, in Lynn Grove township, Jasper county, southwest of Lynnville. The family left the Lynnville community in 1868 for Grinnell, and when he was 10 years old his father died. Later, he drove on the trail for L. F. Mason, who sold buggies for the Spaulding Company of Grinnell and he also sold Spaulding automobiles throughout Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, when these states were Indian territory.

He was present at the opening of the Cherokee Strip in Oklahoma and he also had worked in California, Washington, and Idaho and was operations engineer for the International Harvester Co. display at the San Francisco World's Fair in 1915. Later, he returned to Grinnell where he owned and operated his Automobile Electrical business in the building now occupied by Claire's Cleaners. Later, he sold this business to the late Dick Hunter.

Survivors include two cousins, Mrs. Helen Smith of Cassville, Mo., and Mrs. Alice Watson of Council Bluffs, Ia., and a niece—Mrs. Joe Chapman of Davenport.