

Death Calls

C. E. Carter

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Active and Successful Life Comes
to a Peaceful Close at Home
Here Monday Morning

C. E. Carter, a thirty year resident of Grinnell died at his home Monday morning shortly before seven o'clock after a somewhat extended period of ill health. The funeral services are being conducted from the Baptist church at two-thirty this afternoon by the Rev. William Welsh, pastor of the church.

Mr. Carter was born in Miami county, Ohio, May 30, 1866. He married Miss Nancy Busic at Piney Creek, North Carolina, July 12, 1886. They lived there until 1901 when they came to Grinnell. For several years he was chief of police under the then mayor, H. W. Spaulding. During his regular regime he handled the office in a satisfactory manner and was a friend to the youth of those days.

Previous to that time he had considerable experience as a sheriff in North Carolina and also as United States marshal. In those days stills and illicit liquor runners were common. Many were the tales he told of his experiences with the various outlaws of those days. He was fearless in his actions and his boys all inherited this same trait.

When the Spaulding Manufacturing Company were trailing buggies throughout the southwest Mr. Carter was one of the star salesmen. His friendly good nature and ability to make and keep friends was a great asset to him in that business and throughout his life.

In later years with the decline of the buggy business he entered the employ of the Delco Light people.

After his work with the Spaulding people had been finished most of his time was spent in Grinnell. He was a constant attendant at all football, basketball and track events of both the college and high school. His boys, all athletes, took prominent parts both in high school and college and the name

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carter and all are living with the exception of one daughter, Edna Carter Kelly, who died September 21, 1914. The other children are John C. Carter of Grinnell, William Joseph Carter of Boston, Mass., who is with the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York; Lillie Carter Pilgrim, wife of Raymond Pilgrim of Grinnell; Lieut. Vinton Carter of New Brunswick, N. J., a graduate of West Point, who for the past four years has been instructor at Carnegie Tech at Pittsburgh; Garfield Carter, now a lieutenant in the guard at the force at Leavenworth Federal penitentiary; Claude Carter, with the Maytag sales force at Utica, N. Y.; Edmund Carter, associated with the Grinnell Washing Machine Corporation. Lieutenant Carter who had been recently transferred from Pittsburgh was the only child unable to be present today at the funeral.

Mrs. Carter throughout the years has been a real help to the family. A home loving body she took a keen interest in the welfare of her family and each triumph was a great pleasure to her. She was always happy when surrounded by the boys with their friends who made the Carter home a meeting place. The loss of her husband will be keenly felt and she is bearing the loss with a true spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter also have fifteen grandchildren of whom they have been very proud, namely, Estell, Mary Edna and Jack Pilgrim, children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pilgrim; Charles, Marcella and Maurice Kelly, children of his deceased daughter Edna; Wiley Jr. and Jackson, children of Lieut. and Mrs. Vinton Carter; Virginia and Barbara Jean, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Carter; Damon and Nancy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carter; Mary, Bernard and Nancy Ann, children of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Carter.