

Alexander G. Coutts Passes

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A letter just received by R. G. Coutts from his niece, Mrs. Esther Coutts Olson, at Los Angeles, Calif., states that her father, Alex G. Coutts, for many years a resident of Grinnell, had passed away after an illness of 3 days in that city.

Alexander George Coutts was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, June 3, 1854 and died at Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 23, 1927, aged 73 years, 4 months and 20 days.

He left his native country at the age of 16 and came to this country all by himself and for the first 5 years of his residence in the United States. He made his home in central Ohio, where he served his apprenticeship to the stone mason and stone cutter's trade.

He came to Iowa in August, 1875 and to Grinnell in the spring of 1877. He made this city his home most of the time, following his chosen occupation, until 1905 when he decided to go west, settling in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he lived until 1922 when he went to the Pacific Coast and made his home in Los Angeles, where he remained until his death on the date above mentioned.

He was united in marriage to Miss Effie Paden of this city who preceded him in death twelve years ago. To this union were born three daughters and one son, all of whom survive him. He also leaves three brothers, R. G. Coutts of Grinnell, Wm. P. Coutts of Kellogg and James M. Coutts of Newaygo, Mich.; thirteen sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Beattie of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Mrs. Jno. A. Lee of Declo, Idaho and Mrs. Edward Lincoln, of Grinnell.
