

Death Calls Fred M. Dee

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Funeral Services Are Held Thursday Afternoon For a Useful Citizen

ONE OF ORGANIZERS OF GRINNELL STATE BANK

Had Been in Failing Health For Several Years and Died Tuesday Night

Grinnell lost a helpful, useful citizen when Fred M. Dee passed away a little before midnight Tuesday night. Mr. Dee was a constructive force in the community, a man of integrity, force and sound business judgment. He was one of the organizers of the Grinnell State Bank and as a director in that institution since its founding he has had a large part in shaping the policies which have made it one of the strong banks of the county.

Of late years failing health has impaired Mr. Dee's activities but he has always been interested in Grinnell and Poweshiek county and has done his share in promoting every movement for good in the community. He will be greatly missed by all who have been connected with him in any way.

Fred M. Dee, the eldest son of Henry A. and Isabelle Dee, was born near Princeton, Illinois, May 9, 1872. At the age of eight years he came with his parents to Iowa where they settled on a farm in Sheridan township. Oct. 5, 1897, he was united in marriage with Ida Graham of the same neighborhood. They immediately located on a farm near Chester where they lived for eighteen years. In 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Dee moved to Grinnell where they have since resided. Besides the wife, Mrs. Ida Dee, he is survived by two brothers and one sister, Herbert H. Dee and Mrs. Charles Butterfield of Tama, Iowa, and Earl W. Dee of Sheridan.

Mr. Dee united with the Sheridan Methodist Episcopal church at the age of 14 years. He was active in Epworth League and Sunday School, being superintendent of the Sheridan Sunday School for a number of years. Since transferring his membership to the church in Grinnell he has been active in the church work, a regular attendant at the services, an official member, and interested in all good work. Failing health for a number of years has prevented him from doing all that he desired to do. Mr. Dee was also a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Order of Eastern Star.

Although not classed among the very early settlers of Iowa yet he has had a large part in the development of the communities in which he lived in material, educational and religious ways.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the Grinnell Methodist Episcopal church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Cadwell, assisted by Rev. H. L. Wissler of Chester.

Two numbers, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" and "Wonderful Peace" were beautifully rendered by a men's quartet composed of Francis Tomasek, Eddie Peterson, Laird Jones and E. L. York, accompanied on the piano by Miss Esther Mullins.

Pall bearers were Will Alley, G. O. Watland, T. S. Mason, R. G. Coutts, Norman Pilgrim and H. D. Wilson.

Burial was in the Sheridan cemetery.