

JOHN SETH FARRELL
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Barnes City Physician Passed Away
Dec. 27.

John Seth Farrell, son of John Webster and Olive Farrell was born at Rock Island, Illinois, September 15, 1851 and passed to his eternal home at his residence in Barnes City, Iowa, December 27, 1922 at the age of 71 years, 3 months, 12 days.

His boyhood was spent in Rock Island where he received his early education. In 1875 he entered Iowa State University, graduating in 1877 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

On August 16, 1877 he was united in marriage to Flora Belle Werts at La Salle, Illinois. To this union four children were born, Fred, Grace, Paul, Charles.

He and his family came to Iowa in 1885, locating at Newton and later moving to Grinnell where he followed his profession. In the fall of 1894 he came to Barnes City where he has since lived and practiced medicine.

He was converted at the age of 21 and united with the Baptist church at Rock Island. When he moved to Grinnell he transferred his membership to the Baptist church of that place, where he served as superintendent of the Sunday School for three years. When he moved to Barnes City he transferred his membership to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been a faithful and valued member all these years, serving as church treasurer for almost a dozen years.

Finding his health failing he and his wife spent the winter of 1920 with their daughter in Los Angeles, California. The rest from his practice and the change of climate seemed to benefit him for a time. During the past year with a few exceptions he limited himself to office work. A patient sufferer for many years he often expressed the desire that the Lord might take him Home and he was fully prepared. Just as the day was breaking, Wednesday, Dec. 27, he quietly, in a moment, with practically no struggle or pain, said goodbye to those earthly scenes to open them in that "Land that is fairer than day."

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife; Fred E. of San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Grace Gunderson of Los Angeles, Calif.; Paul W. of Barnes City. One son Charles Carter died in boyhood.

Dr. Farrell will be sadly missed in the home, the town and community, and especially in the church to which he was devoted and so long served, and to which he gave a large amount of time and thought. He will be greatly missed in the board meetings, the prayer meetings and the church services on Sunday. He was always in his place unless illness prevented him.

He came here in an early day and traveled over a large section of Mahaska and Poweshiek counties ministering to the want of the people. He endeared himself to a large number of patients and was universally loved and respected. He lived a good and upright Christian life, and believed in sanctification as a doctrine not only to be believed but lived. A good husband, father, and Christian has been taken from us to share in the joys of the Eternal World.

This short sketch cannot possibly do justice to this man's life and influence for good in the town and community. We can truly say of him:—

"Servant of God, well done, thy glorious warfare's past.

The battle's fought, the race is won, and thou art crowned at last."

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church in Barnes City, on Friday, Dec. 29, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Scott. The pall bearers were Chas. H. Core, Columbus Allen, E. McClure, J. H. Ferguson, R. S. Ferguson, G. W. Hunter. There were many beautiful floral tributes of affection. Interment took place in the Barnes City cemetery.