

Death Interrupts 10-29 A Useful Life ¹⁹²⁹

Levi Walker Ferneau, son of Madison and Eliza Ferneau, was born in Sigourney, Iowa, May 22, 1879 and died October 23, 1929 at the age of 50 years, 5 months and 1 day. On July 26, 1908 he was united in marriage with Bessie McDonough. To this union were born six children, Mrs. Lelah Brannon, Grinnell, Agnes, Paul, Alice, Rex and Clark at home.

At the age of 16 years Mr. Ferneau came to the Oak Grove neighborhood working for various farmers until he was married when he rented the Wm. Prosser farm. After a few years of renting, by his thrift and industry he had accumulated to buy the beautiful farm home north of Grinnell where he resided to the time of his death. He was recognized in the community as a most efficient and prosperous farmer. In selecting the location for a home he had in mind the interests and welfare of his family. It was his desire to give them the best opportunities possible. He was a kind and generous husband and father, a good neighbor and citizen. Mr. Ferneau was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Grinnell.

Besides his immediate family he leaves to mourn, his aged mother, two brothers and six sisters; Fred Ferneau of Chicago; John Hooker, Coon Rapids, Iowa; Christina Strong, What Cheer; Lola Pope, Hollywood, Cal.; Mattie Gridley, Carroll Co., Iowa; Evaline Martin, Elizabeth Fry, Lucy Stanley of Grinnell.

Funeral services were held at the home and at the Methodist church on Friday afternoon conducted by the Rev. George Blagg. A male quartet, consisting of Messers Rayford Ratcliff, Lehl Fritz, Clifford Fritz and Henry Van Donselaar, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace Williams sang appropriate hymns. Burial was made in the Westfield cemetery where the Masons of Grinnell lodge had charge of the services.