

Austin Fleming Funeral Held

Austin Fleming, age 85 years, one month and twenty-one days, of this city, passed away at his home Monday evening at 6:15, Nov. 14, 1932, after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian church. A short prayer service was held at the house at 1:30 o'clock. Services were in charge of Rev. W. B. Wilson of Newburg, assisted by Rev. Ora Hillan. Music was rendered by a trio, consisting of Roy Thompson, Rev. Ora Hillan and Rev. Florence Wixom, and also two vocal solos by Roy Thompson, accompanied by Rev. Florence Wixom. Interment was in Hazelwood.

Mr. Fleming's health had been failing for the past year or longer and his last severe sickness confined him to his bed for a little longer than five weeks. Mr. Fleming was very well known in and around Grinnell where he had made his home for the past twenty-eight years.

Mr. Fleming was the son of Rev. Robert and Amy Fleming. Was born in Wood county near Parkersburg, W. Va., Sept. 23, 1847. When he was only four years old, his parents went west and located at Keokuk, Iowa. In the spring of 1852 they moved to Mahaska county where he made his home until 1904, then moved to Blue Point. In 1908 he moved to his present home in Grinnell. His father, Rev. Robert Fleming, was founder of the Christian Union church at Blue Point, and is well remembered and honored in that vicinity.

Austin Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Nettie McCutchen of Peoria, Iowa, Nov. 14, 1880. The groom had his own farm waiting and ready for his bride. Three daughters and one son came to bless this union. The little son, Austin Porter, passed away May 31, 1884, at the age of nearly two months. He leaves to mourn his great loss a loving and devoted wife, three children, namely, Mrs. Della A. Wood, Mrs. L. C. Beeler and Mrs. C. B. Foster; three grandchildren, namely, Winifred Wilma Beeler, Jean Maxine Foster, and Donald Clarence Foster. He also leaves one brother, R. C. Fleming of Taintor, Iowa, who with his wife have been here to be by the bedside of their brother for nearly the past two weeks. He also leaves one sister, a twin to his brother at Taintor, Mrs. David Richards of Greenfield, Iowa, who visited him this summer, but on account of poor health was unable to be present for the funeral. He also leaves other relatives and many good friends.

After selling his farm, he and his family moved away from Mahaska county twenty-eight years ago, coming to Blue Point, where Mr. Fleming purchased another farm. Later he sold this farm and moved to Grinnell as a retired farmer. He had been an active and progressive farmer.

Austin Fleming joined the United Brethren church of Grandville, Iowa, Feb. 2, 1876, at the age of twenty-nine years. Later he united with the Christian church at Peoria, Iowa, and was baptized by Rev. L. W. Klinker on Jan. 15, 1898. When he moved to Grinnell, he helped organize the Christian church and was a charter member. He was an elder for a number of years, always ready to help and to do his part in the Master's work. He was a splendid Christian man, and was deeply devoted to his church, his home and family. As long as it was at all possible for him to attend religious services, he was always present. He will be greatly missed. His door was always wide open to the ministers and his home was theirs as he welcomed them always. When no longer able to attend services, the Bible was his comfort in which his knowledge was superior. He said it helped him to live a better Christian life, always something to look forward to, to the beautiful beyond where pain, sickness and death will never come. He loved Bible study. He lived a wonderful Christian life.

He loved his home and his home life meant so much to him. He was a loving and thoughtful husband and father. He always thought of others first. He was a pleasant and kindly gentleman of a lovable and noble character. He stood for the highest ideals of life. His many acts of kindness and good will, will long be remembered.

Mr. Fleming was also a long time member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. He was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Peoria, Iowa, which was organized forty-two years ago. He was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge No. 305. The I. O. O. F. Lodge had charge of the services at the grave. The song "I'll Meet You at the Eastern Gate" was sung by the trio at the grave. "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" was sung at the house, and the three songs, "The Home of the

Soul," "When They Ring The Golden Bells," and "In That City," were sung at the church.
Mrs. Paul Norris assisted at the house and had charge of the flowers.
Serving as honorary pall bearers were Messrs. Anson Moxley, David McBlain, William Bortell, A. F. Swaney, John S. Beeler, and George Murray.
Serving as pall bearers were Messrs. A. M. Burton, N. O. Pl-grim, J. S. Ewart, Charles Taylor, Herbert Jackson and Carl Satchell.