

Monday, May 25, 1953

Death Calls J. Frankforth

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Gilman, May 23: After an illness of ten days in the Evangelical Hospital, John Frankforth passed away Sunday at 1 p.m. John Nathaniel Frankforth, son of Adam and Mirancy Frankforth, was born July 19, 1869 at Poland, Ohio. When 12 years of age he came to Iowa with his parents and four brothers and sisters. They made the trip in a covered wagon and were two months on the way. They arrived at Carnforth, November 25, 1881 and established a home on a farm near there. They lived here and in the vicinity of Brooklyn for some seventeen years. Mr. Frankforth was employed on various farms in the communities. It was while at a revival meeting at Hartwick conducted by Rev. R. F. Lavender that he was converted. From that time he has never wavered in his ardent religious convictions. He was a member of the Gilman Community church at the time of his death.

In 1896 he went to Grinnell where for a time he attended Grinnell Academy. From there he came to the Gilman community where he was employed on farms for several years. On March 23, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Abi Ramsey of Gilman. To this union were born two daughters, Fannie, now Mrs. Robert L. Tone of Gilman, and Hazel, who is now Mrs. L. L. Kirkpatrick of Sunland, Calif. Mrs. Frankforth died Sept. 19, 1904 and on Feb. 20, 1906 Mr. Frankforth was married to Miss Margaret McDonald of Brooklyn. They were parents of a son Floyd, who now lives at Creve Coeur, Ill. They lived at Grinnell and Des Moines several years after

which they moved to Wisconsin, where they resided for 23 years. While living there Mr. Frankforth was ordained as a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. He held several pastorates there. Mrs. Frankforth passed away March 16, 1938. Mr. Frankforth then returned to Iowa and made his home with his daughter Mrs. R. L. Tone and family for 4½ years. On June 24, 1943 he was married to Miss Laura McGrew. They made their home in Gilman until the time of his death. Besides his widow he is survived by his three children, one brother Bert Frankforth of Vancouver, B. C., a sister, Mrs. Nora Ecklund of St. Petersburg, Fla.; 6 grand children and 3 great grand children. Funeral services will be at the Gilman Community church in charge of Rev. W. Z. Henline Tuesday afternoon with burial in Prairie View cemetery in Gilman.