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Geo. M. Fraser Dies Suddenly

One of Grinnell's Good Men Is
Stricken By Apoplexy Early
Wednesday Morning

**FUNERAL SERVICES ARE
HELD THIS AFTERNOON**

**Mr. Fraser Died Just Five Years To
The Day From Similar Death
Of His Brother Alex**

Announcement of the sudden death of George McClelland Fraser last Wednesday morning came as a distinct sorrow to the whole community of Grinnell where Mr. Fraser had spent so many of his active years. Mr. Fraser had been in his usual health and had been about as usual. Wednesday morning he came down town and was stricken by apoplexy in front of the Ritter Hardware store, dying almost instantly.

His death was very similar to that of his brother Alex and by a strange coincidence came just five years to the day from the time when Alex was stricken down. Both brothers brought a great gift of right living and right thinking to the community of Grinnell.

George Fraser was born in Scott county, Iowa, May 22, 1864, the son of James and Ann Wilson Fraser. He was the youngest of six children. His father died when George was about ten years of age and in his young manhood, about 1887, he came with his mother and brother Alex to Poweshiek county. The two brothers settled on farms, where they made their homes for a number of years and while still on the farm George was married in December of 1892 to Miss Bessie L. McKane, whose sister his brother Alex had married about two years before. To this union four children were born. Nellie, who teaches in Atlantic, Paul M. Fraser of Grinnell, Florence Fraser Nelson of Milwaukee and Mary Fraser

Talbott of Grinnell. The mother and children survive him as does one sister, Mrs. Sarah Dodge of Griswold, who, with her son Roy, is here today for the funeral, and Mrs. A. E. Fraser, widow of his brother Alex and a sister of Mrs. George Fraser. There are five grandchildren.

After living on the farm for a number of years Mr. Fraser moved to town in 1899 and began the connection with the railway mail service which continued for about thirty years, practically all of the time with the M. & St. L. railroad. For thirteen years of this service Mr. Fraser was so located that his headquarters were at Albert Lea. In the mail service he served his allotted time with two extensions and he retired in August of 1930. Last August he and Mrs. Fraser moved back to their beloved Grinnell to make their home, buying the Gove residence at 1333 Main street.

Mr. Fraser for many years has been an honored member of the Elks lodge finding his main social outlet in his associations with members of that Brotherhood. He was blessed with a fine and resonant voice and an appreciation for the swelling cadences of fine poetry and his recitation of "Thanatopsis" at various Elk ceremonies was always an appreciated part of the program. The Elks missed him while he was at Albert Lea, when he only called on rare occasions but welcomed him cordially on his return and were looking forward to the pleasant association which his untimely death interrupted in so sudden a manner. A scholar, a pleasant companion, a true friend, Mr. Fraser will be mourned by all those with whom he came in contact during his useful life.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the home, conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.