

5-14 MRS. F. H. GIFFORD. 1910

Stricken suddenly in the midst of her life of activity Mrs. F. H. Gifford passed away Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, in the beautiful home on Sixth Avenue which she and Mr. Gifford bought only recently from Dr. E. E. Harris and into which they had just finished moving with happy anticipations of life together in their new home.

Mrs. Gifford had not been well for some time, but her condition was not considered serious and she retired Sunday evening apparently in her usual health. When Mr. Gifford went to her bedside Monday morning he found her in a deep sleep from which she never awakened. She had been stricken as she slept.

Funeral services were held from the home this afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross and the funeral party left on the afternoon train for Marshalltown, where the body will rest in the beautiful family mausoleum in which Mrs. Gifford's mother, Mrs. Mary G. Capron, is buried.

Phoebe Estelle was born Sept. 21, 1862, in Booneville, N. Y., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Capron. She was educated in the Chipman seminary in Oneida, N. Y., and in 1878 came west with her parents. She was married to F. H. Gifford at Council Bluffs, June 18, 1885. One daughter Bernice, now Mrs. George H. Hiser, of Chicago, was born to this union. Mrs. Hiser and little son, Gifford, arrived in Grinnell Wednesday for a visit, joining little Gertrude, who had been here for some time. Mr. Hiser came at once on receiving word of Mrs. Gifford's sudden illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gifford lived in Marshalltown for a time before coming to take charge of what was then known as Hotel Gifford. Mrs. Capron at that time was running the Hotel Monroe. Later the Giffords returned to Marshalltown where they continued to make their home until January, 1913, after the death of Mrs. Capron, at which time they returned to Grinnell to take charge of and operate the Hotel Monroe.

In 1917, having sold the hotel to the Weeden Bros., Mr. and Mrs. Gifford went to Chicago to live. They purchased an attractive place, and Mrs. Gifford took great pride and pleasure in this home. Recently, however, Mr. and Mrs. Gifford decided to return to Grinnell where they still had large interests. They sold their place in Chicago and purchased the home at 1612 Sixth Avenue, formerly belonging to Dr. E. E. Harris.

Mrs. Gifford was a member of the National Association of the D. A. R. She was a woman of great executive ability which she combined with feminine taste and charm, qualities which were always pre-eminently shown in the selection of her surroundings, whether in a hotel or in her own home. The last years of her life were brightened by her little granddaughter, to whom she was devoted and who has been much with her.

Many friends mourn this sudden passing and the bereaved family have the fullest sympathy in their loss.