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**Was A Link
With The Past
Of Grinnell**

**J. B. Grinnell, Descendant
Of Grinnell's Founder,
Died on Wednesday**

Josiah Bushnell Grinnell, veteran farmer who lived all his life on his farm north of Snow's Corner died Wednesday morning in a local hospital at the age of 79 years. He would have passed his 80th birthday May 21. He never married. He had been ill for about three weeks. He had undergone surgery Tuesday morning.

Descendant of Founder

Mr. Grinnell was the son of Levi P. and Harriet Knight Grinnell. His father, a cousin of J. B. Grinnell, who founded this community, came to Grinnell in 1856, and built the residence at 1002 Park street, across the street east from President Stevens' home. In 1862 he moved to the farm, which was then virgin country. J. B. Grinnell was born on May 21, 1872, while the family was living on the farm and spent all his life there.

Survivors

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harriett Grinnell Dunham, a niece, Marian Dunham, a nephew, Grinnell Dunham, two grand nieces and one grand nephew. A sister, Lucy, died in 1879 and a brother, Walter, in 1878, both of typhoid fever.

He was a long time member

Funeral Friday

Funeral services will be held at the Smith funeral home Friday at 2 p.m., in charge of Rev. Leland W. Mann. Mrs. Rhee Auman will play organ selections. Burial will be in the family plot in Hazelwood cemetery.

On Early Football Team

Mr. Grinnell graduated from Grinnell academy and then attended Grinnell college, graduating in 1894. He was a member of one of the earliest Grinnell football teams, and was a teammate of the late Dr. P. E. Somers and Dr. C. E. Hamlin. He played guard and is still remembered for the anguished cry, "Grab loose that ball!" which arose from the bottom of the pile during one hard-fought game. He also was a baseball player of some note.

Enthusiastic Rooter

He never relinquished his interest in college athletics and attended every college game which he could get to. He was an ardent enthusiast and his war cries of encouragement to the team would rise above even the most strident rooting. One of the football teams on which he played enjoyed the rare distinction of defeating the university of Minnesota.

Big and bluff, with a leonine head and a strong physique, "J. B." was another of the sterling characters who have helped to link Grinnell with its illustrious past. Although the younger generation did not know him well in his declining years, he will remain a firm and vivid memory to the old timers.