

2-6 Catherine Hannon, 1914

Catherine Hannon was born in Grinnell on May 2, 1861, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hannon and died in Grinnell on Monday, February 2, after a protracted illness.

In 1882 she started to work for the Morrison-McIntosh company, now the Morrison-Ricker Manufacturing Company, thus establishing a business connection which was to continue for many years. At first she operated a machine but soon worked her way up to the position of forewoman and still later was transferred to the office force and in due time became head bookkeeper.

In March, 1909, she left Grinnell to take possession of a five-acre fruit orchard which she had purchased in North Yakima, Wash. She looked after the orchard herself and her exertions were so strenuous that she finally was forced to give it up and take a position in a department store as assistant cashier. Her ability was soon recognized and she was advanced to the position of head bookkeeper.

The condition of her health forced her to give up this work and a little over a year ago she returned to Grinnell, never again to leave it. She was for a time in the Dr. U. M. Hibbets home and later was with Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Morrison. Last April Mr. and Mrs. Morrison went with her to Chicago where she visited a specialist and spent four weeks in St. Luke's hospital. Soon after her return her condition became such that she needed constant attention and last May she was taken to the hospital which she did not leave again except for a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. Murray Wilson, in the Malcom vicinity.

Besides Mrs. Wilson she leaves another sister, Mrs. David Beardsley, of North Yakima and a brother, James Hannon of Mason City. The brother was able to come for her funeral, which was held Wednesday morning from the D. S. Morrison home.

Miss Hannon was a woman of great intelligence, well read and with a natural appreciation of the best things. During her long connection with the Morrison-Ricker company her services were of the greatest value. Her death brings sorrow to a large circle of friends.