

CLARENCE L. HOLMES
6-17-1921
Former Grinnell Resident Dies At
Iowa City Hospital— Burial at
Keota

Our community sympathizes with the bereaved family of Clarence L. Holmes, whose death occurred Monday morning at 9:15 at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City. A first illness occurred about five weeks ago, from which he had partially recovered. His improvement not being as rapid as had been hoped, he was taken, at the suggestion of his physician, to the Iowa City hospital last Thursday and was operated on there Friday morning for abscess of the stomach. Tho the operation was an extremely delicate one, it was quite successful and it was thought that his recovery was assured. However, the poison already in his system was too strong to be combated, and although he never gave up the fight, his body did. His wife was with him throughout his last illness, and his children, parents, and brothers and sisters were called Sunday evening when his death became only a matter of hours. One sister, Mrs. Edna McNurlen, did not arrive until Wednesday, coming from Canada with her husband.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian church in charge of Rev. R. C. Lemon, assisted by Rev. I. T. Hawk. Burial in the Keota cemetery. The following obituary was read at the services:

Clarence LeRoy Holmes, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Holmes, was born at Keota, Iowa, June 2, 1883. All of his life with the exception of six years when he and his family lived in Sigourney and Grinnell, was spent in Keota and vicinity. He and his family moved back to Keota last fall where he and his brother were in business until the time of his death.

He was educated in the rural and

Keota schools, and also attended Parsons college at Fairfield.

He was married to Miss Zora Blanche Longman of Keota, December 21st, 1904, to which union were born three sons: Harold, 15, Donald, 14, and Kenneth, 9 years of age.

The wife and three sons, the father and mother, and one brother, Claude, and sisters, Mrs. Chas. Herr of Keota, Mrs. Everett Huber of Wellman, and Mrs. Glenn McNurlen of Rouleau, Sask., Canada, survive him.

At the age of 10 he united with the Scotland Presbyterian church. His wife was a member of the Keota Christian church, and after this marriage he went into the Christian church with her. He was a retired Major of Canton Lodge John R. Lewis, No. 59, Grinnell, Iowa, on the staff of Colonel Geo. F. Failor. At the time of his death he was Vice Grand of the I. O. O. F., and was elected to the chair of Noble Grand, which he would have occupied after the first of July. He was also a member of the Woodmen of the World.

He leaves, besides his own immedi-