

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1923.

MRS. BENONI HOWARD DIES
Laura A. Howard

One of Early Residents of Grinnell
Passes Away in California.

Ralph Longley received word Thursday morning of the death of Mrs. Benoni Howard at her home in San Bernardino, Calif., aged 92 years. Mrs. Howard was formerly Mrs. Lodaska Kelsey. Mr. Howard was the grandfather of Mr. Longley. His tombstone in Hazelwood cemetery reads "Pioneer of 1854." He came to Grinnell when the town was two months old, walking across the prairie from Clinton and took up the land now occupied by Marion Hartzell on West Sixth avenue.

He moved to California about 1881 and died in 1904.

For many years he lived in the residence at the corner of Fifth avenue and Broad street now occupied by the Grinnell Register office. He built the house and for a long time it was known as the Howard homestead. Mr. Howard sold the place to Clark Coutts & Beyer, who sold it to C. K. Needham.

Mrs. Howard came to Grinnell from her home in New York and visited with her brother, C. D. Kelsey, who will be remembered by some as one of the old settlers and a deacon in the Baptist church. She spent a part of the time here until 1884 when she was united in marriage to Mr. Howard and moved with him to his home in California.

There were no children born to this union nor has the deceased any relatives in this community. There are several nephews and nieces in California who are left to mourn her death.