

Fred KELLER

Our Oldest Resident

After weeks of torturing illness from heart disease and complications. Fred Keller, one of the old original settlers in Deep River, passed to his reward at 5:15 a. m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 1927, and had he lived fourteen more days he would have been 73 years of age.

The funeral took place at 2 p. m., Sunday from the home of Golden Rod cemetery, the services being in charge of Elder E. Curies, pastor of the Church of Christ, being undertaken by T. H. Connell.

With the passing of Mr. Keller another one of Deep River's old and respected citizens has been called to join the silent majority marching on eternity's shore. Fred was among the first to move from Dresden to the site of the new town and was the first man to engage in business in the young town, that at that time could not boast of many inhabitants. He opened a barber shop and restaurant, and by so doing formed the nucleus around which has clustered the town, which he saw grow from its swaddling clothes and which he did much to promote.

Frederick Keller was born Jan. 14, 1855, in Clayton, county, Ohio, and in early boyhood, with his parents, came to Iowa and located near Victor. In August, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriett Pierce, of Dresden, Iowa. To this union were born the following children: Mrs. Vida Brown of Grinnell, Iowa; Walton A., Cedar Rapids;

Mrs. Vava Evans and Mrs. Wanda Bissett of Deep River and Florence Barnes of Grinnell.

He is survived by his widow, the above children and 28 grandchildren.

Deceased is the last of his family to fall before the grim reaper.

Three sisters, two half-sisters, two brothers and one half-brother preceded him.

The respect in which deceased was held was attested by the

many who attended the funeral to pay last respects to neighbor and friend whom almost everyone in the assembly had known for years, each feeling a personal loss in being deprived of the advantages of his social friendship. He was a faithful, patient husband, a kind, indulgent father, an obliging neighbor and an all round exemplary citizen. He was a member of M. W. A. and a number of years ago united with the Church of Christ.

"I heard a voice saying unto me, write 'blessid are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea,' sayeth the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

though to grow again.

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