

OBITUARY

Frederick S. Kingdon

H. F. (Contributed
Frederick Samuel 1957
fourth son of William H. and
Susannah Law Kingdon, was
born at Ormul, Alexander
County, New York on April 24,
1863 and passed away at a local
hospital, on Sunday, Sept. 27,
1953, after a short illness.

In March 1871, together with
his parents, one brother and
two sisters, he moved from
Stratford, N. Y., to Grinnell
where they lived both in town
and on nearby farms.

Young Frederick was interested
in railroading and after attend-
ing telegraph school at Janes-
ville, Wisc in 1886, he obtained
work with the Santa Fe railroad
in Kansas and Colorado. How-
ever, in 1903 he returned to
Grinnell to make his home.

On Aug. 6, 1888, he was
united in marriage to Esther
Elnira Harrington and to this
union one son was born, Floyd
Jay of Iowa Falls.

The wife and mother passed
away Nov. 5, 1914. His parents,
three brothers and two sisters
also preceded him in death.

For five years Mr. Kingdon
was in the coal and grain busi-
ness with C. L. Roberts and
later with his brother, Chas. H.
Kingdon. The two brothers also
operated the Kingdon Bros.
Furniture store in Grinnell.

On May 22, 1917 Mr. Kingdon
was united in marriage to Mable
G. Brown.

Mr. Kingdon was secretary of
the Commercial club for several
years and also was associated
with the Mutual Home Loan and
Savings Co.

As a child he was reared in
the Episcoppal church but in
early manhood, while in Kan-
sas, he joined the Methodist
church.

After he returned to Grin-
nell in 1903 he attended the
Congregational church and in
1915 united with this church.
He attended faithfully as long
as his health permitted. He was
a loyal member of the brother-
hood, enjoying its fellowship.

Fred, as he was known in the
community, was a man liked
by everyone, had nothing but
good to say of anyone. He was
alert and interested in every
civic project. It was his wish to
live as long as his mother, who
passed her 100th birthday, but
God's will was not his.

Beside his widow and son, he
leaves two grandsons, Frederick
Hammond of Des Moines and
Roderick Glenn, now serving
with the armed forces and one
great grandson, Frederick Warn-
er Kingdon. There also are a
number of nephews and nieces.