

# Paul Latcham Killed In Farm Tractor Mishap

## Removing Stumps When Machine Overturns Wednesday Afternoon

Paul J. Latcham, 69, Grinnell, speculated that Latcham was killed Wednesday afternoon when the tractor he was upon initially contacted the ground and rolled. The lot in which he was driving overturned and rolled. The lot in which he was on hilt at his farm about two miles northwest of Ewart. County Coroner Rex Branner estimated the time of death at 1 and 2 p.m. and said Latcham had been dead about two hours before his body was discovered.

**Saw Wheels**  
Wilbur Allen, who farms south of Ewart, was passing the intersection just west of the Latcham farm at about 3:45 p.m. when he noticed the wheels of an overturned tractor. Stopping to investigate, he found Latcham pinned beneath the machine.

Allen then rushed to the Earl Albertsen farm west of the site and notified Sheriff Bill Welsh. An ambulance was also summoned from Grinnell. Latcham, who lived in Grinnell at 1316 Fifth Avenue, had gone to the farm that day to do some work. His son, Leonard and his family lives at the farm but they were gone at the time.

**Hit Stump**  
The elder Latcham was using a tractor to push out some stumps in a lot west of the house. Stumps are located on the slope of a hill and it is speculated that one wheel struck a stump, causing the machine to overturn. Coroner Branner

working slopes away from the east-west road and can only be clearly seen when approaching it from the north. It is probable that several cars, p a s s - ed the scene earlier without noticing the accident.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Grinnell Methodist church with Dr. G. S. Bruland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery with graveside rites to be conducted by Focht-Tennant Post No. 53, Grinnell American Legion.

Friended may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

Born May 30th, 1891, near Ewart, he was the son of Leonard Bailey and Sarah Nelson Latcham and received his education in the Ewart schools. From June of 1918 to June of 1919 he served with the U. S. Army with overseas duty in France.

On Oct. 29th, 1919, he was united in marriage with Anna Luella England at the parsonage of the Rev. W. S. Wilson of Grinnell. To this union were born three children: Leonard, who farms near Ewart; Lavern, and Mrs. Robert (Louise) Wilkins, both of Grinnell.

In addition to his wife, Anna and his children, he is survived



**ACCIDENT SCENE**—Paul Latcham, 69, was killed Wednesday afternoon when this tractor rolled over and crushed him on his farm two miles northwest of Ewart. Latcham was apparently trying to move stumps with the tractor when the accident occurred. His son, Leonard, lives on the farm.

by two sisters and one brother: Mrs. Oliva Souler of Montezuma, Mrs. Lee Albright of Eldora, and Howard Latcham of Grinnell, and many other relatives.

Mr. Latcham was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Clark.

He had farmed in the Ewart area most of his life before retiring in Grinnell.

He was a member of the Grinnell Methodist church, belonged to the American Legion, and was a member of the World War I organization, Hopful Barracks No. 1368 of Grinnell.