

An Obituary 5-6-1932 Of Aaron Lucas

Aaron Jilbal Lucas was born May 15, 1899, the son of John B. Lucas and Dora Craig Lucas, living at that time in their home in north Grinnell at 1517 West St. When he became of school age he entered the kindergarten at Parker school. In 1908 he moved with his parents to Buxton, Monroe county, Iowa, where Mr. Lucas had purchased a bakery and grocery store. He attended the public school in Buxton. In 1914 he left Buxton. He returned home to Buxton in 1916 and worked in his father's bakery for a while. When the World war came on he voluntarily offered his services to the U. S. Army. He was not accepted. He continued to work for his father until Mr. Lucas lost his business by fire.

Aaron worked for the Monroe Mercantile Co. in Buxton with his father until in 1919 Mr. Lucas moved to Grinnell. Aaron went to Chicago. In 1922 Aaron came to Grinnell and worked for his brother, Bruce Lucas, who owned a shine parlor at that time. In 1924 he again went to Chicago where he met Miss Willie Hill whom he married Feb. 4, 1929. In 1930 they moved to Midland, Pa. where he joined the Baptist church. In 1931 they moved to Kenosha, Wis. where he was under the watchful care of the Baptist church.

While living in Kenosha he contracted tuberculosis. He came to Grinnell in July, 1931, and lived with his parents until his death, April 29, 1932.

During his sickness his heart and words were ever light and jovial, owing to his faith in God and His promises, and the love of his parents and his devoted wife.

Poetical in expression, he wrote numerous poems, many of them expressing his deep religious convictions, acquired by his wide experience and continual contact with mankind.

One of his poems follows:
"It's not so much in the church
you attend,
But it's how you behave to your
fellow-men.
It's not so much in the Prayers
you pray,
But it's how you act through the
coming day.
You gotta be fair if you ever get
through;
Be honest and kind, be loyal and
true."

He leaves to mourn his loss a loving wife, his parents, two brothers, two sisters, two aunts, eight cousins, three nephews, two nieces and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Aaron Jilbal Lucas was born May 15, 1899, in Grinnell, Iowa; died April 29, 1932. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lucas. He attended school in Grinnell and Buxton, Iowa. He enlisted during the World War. He married Miss Willie Hill in Chicago in 1929, and returned to Grinnell in July, 1931, to regain his health.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a loving wife, Willie Hill-Lucas; his father and mother, two brothers, Henry of California, and Bruce of Minneapolis; two sisters, Martha Smith of Midland, Pa., and Anna Mae Gilmore of Minneapolis; two aunts, Annie Brown and Eva Renfrow, both of Grinnell; three nieces, three nephews, seven cousins and hosts of other relatives and friends.