

Henry Lyman, Former Mayor Here, Dies

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Mrs. Paul Meyers received a telegram Tuesday morning announcing the death of her cousin, Henry G. Lyman, in Hollywood, Calif., where he had been engaged in the practice of law for many years. Death followed a sudden heart attack. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Lyman was the son of the late Hon. J. P. Lyman, pioneer Grinnell attorney. The Lyman family for many years had an honored place in community affairs. He was born and grew up in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell college in 1902. During his student days he distinguished himself as a football halfback and sprinter. After graduating from Harvard law school, he engaged in the practice of law in Grinnell as a member of the law of Rayburn & Lyman.

Mr. Lyman continued the family activity in community affairs, serving as mayor and also as county attorney. His last visit to Grinnell was during the centennial celebration. At that time he was honored as "one of Grinnell's living ex-mayors," and The Herald-Register printed his picture wearing a fire helmet and riding in the fire truck with Mayor Tom Godfrey. He also addressed the Rotary club during his visit.

Although he had been away a long time, Grinnell was always close to his heart and he took an active interest in the progress of his old home town.

Mr. Lyman married Fae La-Grange of Storm Lake, a talented pianist, who survives him. A daughter, Luvilla, preceded him in death some years ago.

PRESENT, OLDEST EX-MAYOR—History was recalled this week when Henry Lyman, oldest living ex-mayor of Grinnell, got together with Tom Godfrey who now heads the city government. Lyman, now 71 and a resident of Hollywood, Calif., is shown here at the wheel of the 1914 La-France fire truck purchased while he was mayor in 1913-14. Beside him is Godfrey. Three generations of Lyman's served Grinnell as mayors. Henry served one term, then became county attorney.



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