Miss Emily Manatt Dies
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Prominent Grinnell Business Woman Reaches End of Life's Journey Sunday Morning

FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD THIS MORNING

Conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis
And Rev. E. W. F. Holler
Of Brooklyn

Funeral services were held this morning from the Congregational church for Miss Emily Manatt, long time Grinnell business woman, who passed away at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning after several days of critical illness during which she suffered repeated paralytic strokes. The services were conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. E. W. F. Holler of Brooklyn. Music was provided by Mrs. Margery Bowna, who sang an appreciated solo. Professor H. W. Matlack was at his usual place at the organ. Pall bearers were R. E. Bates, H. I. Yeager, Paul P. Meyers, V. G. Preston, R. E. Work and A. L. Frisbie. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

The death of Miss Manatt brings to a close the life of one who has long been active in business in Grinnell. Her experience as head of her own store dates back for upwards of 25 years. When she first came to Grinnell as a young woman she clerked for J. A. Stone and later for Mehlin & Arthur. Later she acquired the dry goods end of the Mehlin business while Mr. Mehlin continued with the grocery business. Mr. Mehlin moved next door and the firm of Manatt & Co. came into being and began its active life in the same room which it has occupied ever since.

The store at first handled dry goods and later branched into ready to wear and millinery, the lines in which Miss Manatt had her greatest success. For many years the Manatt store was one of the popular centers for women shoppers. About a year ago Miss Manatt relinquished the ready to wear department of her business to the Willard Shop and since then has been handling millinery and accessories for women. She had been in her usual health until stricken down by paralysis a little more than a week before her death.

Emily Manatt was the daughter of James Manatt, one of the pioneer settlers in the vicinity of Brooklyn and was a member of the farflung Manatt clan which has had such an active part in the history of Poweshiek county.

Diligent in business, interested in the welfare of her own community, active and helpful in every good work, Emily Manatt has lived a good life in Grinnell and will be missed in many ways. She was very much interested in the Fellowship club and was one of the leaders in that organization of business women.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Louis Gorsuch of Brooklyn and by two brothers, Rex Manatt and Dr. Ernest Manatt, both of Hampton.