

LONG AND USEFUL LIFE IS ENDED

8-10-1926

Rest Comes to Mrs. J. H. McMurray,
Sr., at Advanced Age of 84
Years.

**FUNERAL SERVICES WERE
HELD SATURDAY MORNING.**

Rev. H. L. Wissler, of Chester, a Long
Time Friend, Gave Eloquent
Tribute.

Mrs. James H. McMurray was born
Thursia J. Smith at Galena, Illinois,
January 5, 1842, and passed away at
Grinnell, Iowa, August 5, 1926, aged
84 years, 7 months.

She was united in marriage to James
H. McMurray in 1860 in Andrew, Jack-
son County, Iowa. To this union were
born two sons, George H. and J. H.
McMurray, both of Grinnell, Iowa.

Her husband, Mr. McMurray, was
born in New York and came to Iowa
in an early day, locating at Independ-
ence in 1850. Later he moved to De-
Witt and it was while living here he
met and married his wife.

The family came to Poweshiek
County in 1869 and settled in Brook-
lyn where they were engaged in the
Dry Goods business until 1887, when
Mr. and Mrs. McMurray went to Cali-
fornia. They returned to Iowa in 1892
where Mr. McMurray again entered
the Dry Goods business with his son,
J. H. McMurray in Grinnell, in which
he continued until the time of his
death in 1913.

After the death of her husband, Mrs.
McMurray returned to California and
made her home in that state most of
the time since except the last two and
a half years which she has spent here
in Grinnell.

Mrs. McMurray's parents were of

that splendid Tennessee and Kentucky
stock of which she was justly proud.

Mrs. McMurray was a woman of
wonderful mental faculties which she
retained to the end of her days. A
great reader, a reader of wide range,
she took a very keen interest in pol-
itical affairs and she knew what was
going on in national affairs. She knew
what she believed and why she believ-
ed them and could always give a rea-
son for her faith.

Blessed as she was with unusual
vision, she could spend long hours
reading and storing her mind.

In her religious life she was an
Episcopallon and in that as in other
things she knew what and why she be-
lieved, and more, she knew in whom
she believed, and as the end seemed
drawing near, she said she was ready
to go. Thus the end of the long jour-
ney came as the end of a perfect day.
And she, like the tired laborer at the
end of the day who wraps the drapery
of his couch about him and lies down
to pleasant dreams, so she came to the
end of Life peacefully.

She leaves to mourn her loss her
two sons, George H. and J. H. Mc-
Murray of Grinnell, three grand sons
and six great grand children, with
many friends who knew and loved her.

The funeral was held Saturday
morning at ten o'clock at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rinefort where she
had been making her home quite a
long time. Services were conducted
by Rev. H. L. Wissler of the Chester
Congregational Church, a friend, and
were a delightful expression of appre-
ciation of the cultured woman who
had passed before.

There were two songs by Mrs. D. H.
Snook and Mrs. A. S. Ennis, "No Night
There" and "In The Garden."

The bearers were William Vogt, A.
L. Child, W. C. Rayburn, V. G. Preston,
C. A. Blair and J. C. Goodrich.

James H.