

March 30, 1927.

Miss Maria Okey Called By Death

Miss Maria Okey passed away at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Community Hospital where she had been a patient for some little time. She was aged 76 years and 3 months.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the Congregational church conducted by Rev. Victor West, of Elmwood, Neb., a nephew of Miss Okey, assisted by Rev. E. F. Bosworth. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

Miss Okey was born in Bureau Co. Ill., and for many years was a devoted and successful teacher in the Illinois schools. Since coming to Grinnell she has lived quietly but has been a positive and helpful influence for all good things. She was especially interested in good music and so far as her means and her health permitted was an unfailing attendant at the best concerts which came to Grinnell. Many friends will miss her.

MARIA OKEY IS CALLED AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS

Had Lived In Grinnell For Several Years;

Funeral Friday March 30 1927

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Services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 from the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. Victor West, of Elmwood, Nebraska, her nephew.

Miss Okey was born in December, 1850, and thus was past 76 years of age at the time of her death. She was born in Bureau county, Ill., and for many years was a teacher in the schools of that state. Her career as teacher was unusual, and several years ago she was retired on pay, having given practically all her active life to the work of the public schools. She was active here in several lines of church and civic endeavor and made many good friends who will mourn her passing.

Miss Maria Okey ¹⁹²⁷ Passes Over

Miss Maria Okey, youngest daughter of John and Mary Leach Okey, was born near Arlington, Illinois, December 30, 1850, and departed this life at the Community Hospital in Grinnell, Iowa, March 30, 1927, this date corresponding to that of the death of her mother in 1896.

She was a student at the old Dover Academy in Bureau County, Illinois. She graduated from the Princeton High School with the class of 1873. For five succeeding years she taught in the city schools of Princeton—four years in the High School under the principalship of the late Prof. H. L. Boltwood, noted Illinois educator.

In 1878, she went to Marshalltown, Iowa, and taught two years. From there to Leavenworth, Kansas, for eight years' service, then transferred to Omaha, Neb., where she remained continuously fourteen years.

Throughout her teaching career she received the highest recommendations from school officials as a teacher of English history and English literature. They spoke of her as conscientious, faithful, hard working, an enthusiast in her profession, and easily winning the confidence and esteem of her pupils.

In 1895 and 1897 she attended summer terms at the University of Chicago and received high credits for her advanced work in history—and English. In 1900 she made a tour of the British Isles and continental Europe. During the World War she concluded her more than thirty years of teaching service by a short term at Lincoln, Illinois, since which time she lived in retirement.

For the past twelve years she has made her home in Grinnell. She chose this city because of its congenial college atmosphere and environment, its fine library facilities, and because she loved the society of its intellectual people.