

Monday, November 7, 1966

Charley Pickering 86, Dies Suddenly Here Sunday

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Charley Pickering, age 86, of 1302 Main Street, passed away suddenly Sunday (Nov. 6) evening.

Mr. Pickering made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hazel Crooks, and had been in fairly good health until his sudden death.

Funeral services for Charley Pickering will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Chester Custer, minister of the Grinnell Methodist Church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Willard Heffner.

Burial will be made in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.

He was the son of Alexander and Rhoda Ann Wood Pickering and was born near Unionville in Putnam County, Missouri on April 30, 1880.

He was married to Flossie Haines on June 3, 1906 in Hartford, Missouri, and she preceded him in death on August 13, 1961, after 55 years of marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Pickering came to Grinnell in 1926 from Missouri and Mr. Pickering was employed for many years with the Rock Island Railroad as a sectionman.

Following his retirement from the railroad, he worked with the former York Lumber Company and Grinnell College. Mr. Pickering is survived by his three daughters: Mrs. Hazel Crooks and Mrs. Roscoe (Marie) Turney both of Grinnell and Mrs. Delsina Norris of Keokuk as well as one grandson: James Webb of Grinnell and two step grandsons, Kenneth Norris of Grinnell and Wilbur Norris of Hamilton, Ill.

Surviving besides his grandchildren are one great grandchild; and five step great granddaughters and one step great grandson; as well as two step great great grandchildren. One brother and three sisters also survive: Mrs. Joe (Maude) Paul of Gilman; Mrs. Ed (Hulda) Johnson of Lewiston, Idaho; Mrs. Elmer (Blanche) Weaver of Newburg and the Rev. Guy Pickering

of Coffeen, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Flossie; and three brothers and three sisters: Tom, Jonathan, and John Pickering; Mrs. Delsia Shelton, Mrs. Sylvia Myer, and Mrs. Gertie Mathis.