

**William John** <sup>G-H</sup>  
**Rapson Passes**  
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William John Rapson of 312 Obispo Ave., Long Beach, Calif., passed to his reward November 8, 1936, age 75. A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Rapson moved to Grinnell, Iowa in 1892, going into the grocery business with his nephew W. T. Moyle and continued in the business until 1912 when, on account of failing health, he with his family came to California. He was a member of the Congregational church, also a member of the Masonic and K. P. Lodges. While in Grinnell he served with honor 6 years on the city council and for a time was a director of one of the banks and also of the Building and Loan Association.

The Rapsons spent their first year in California at Pomona, then moved to Claremont to put their son Harold through college. After four years at Claremont they moved to Long Beach some 13 years since, where they have made their home. Mr. Rapson was a man of unassuming nature but always kind and courteous to all. During his 18 or more years of suffering he never complained but met all with a smile. For some little time he had been unable to get around much without some help. However a stroke some three weeks previous was the immediate cause of his death.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his widow Elizabeth E. Rapson, his son Harold Rapson of Corona, Calif., one grand-son, one brother T. H. Rapson of Long Beach, Calif., and one sister Mrs. Esther Pooley of Illinois.

Funeral services were held at the Patterson & McQuilkin funeral parlors, with entombment at the Sunny-side Mausoleum.

Thus a faithful husband, father and friend has passed on.

During Mr. Rapson's twenty years' residence in Grinnell he was recognized as a careful successful business man, a man of high character and a promoter of the best things in and for Grinnell.

Mrs. Rapson was connected with every phase of woman's work in church and club. Both were useful members of Grinnell life and his former friends regret Mr. Rapson's death.