

## Obituary Of G-4 11-15-1932 F. M. Risse

Frederick Moritz Risse was born April 2, 1853 at Silver Creek, Wis. where he grew to young manhood. At the age of 19 he started to learn the blacksmith trade. After mastering the trade, and looking for a location, he, with two neighborhood schoolmates as companions started for Iowa on foot. They stopped at New Hampton and worked on a farm for a while, from there they went to Grinnell and worked for some time at the Doolittle farm.

The blacksmith trade seemed to be his calling and for some time he worked at it for Mr. Sardine Stowe in Grinnell. From here he went to Newburg and built a shop and house and started in business for himself.

He met Edith Maxie Schroeder and they were married Sept. 30, 1879, making their home at Newburg at the newly prepared location. He remained in business there until the spring of 1891 when he moved his family to a farm five miles northwest of Malcom. After ten years of farming near Malcom and Grinnell he moved to Grinnell where he worked at the Spaulding and Laros Buggy factories and various other works and has made Grinnell his home continually with the exception of short intervals in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

To this union were born six children, two of whom survive, four having died in infancy.

His wife passed away Jan. 17, 1915 after several years of failing health.

He was the oldest of a large family of whom only two brothers survive. For the past year he had visited and spent his time with a niece and a nephew, the Will Wagner and Rudolph Schmitz families of Antigo, Wis., and was planning on coming home to Iowa in several weeks after having made visits with his other relatives in Wisconsin.

On Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Rudolph Schmidt farm, while he and two small girls were bringing home the cows, he was attacked by a ram. He was taken to their home and a physician called immediately, but with all that medical science and loving hands could do, he passed into the eternal sleep at 6:25 p.m. less than an hour from the time of the attack from internal hemorrhage and shock, caused by a broken rib, punctured lung and ruptured viscera.

He had reached the age of 79 years, 7 months and 1 day. The deceased was confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran church at Silver Creek, Wis. and was a member in that faith until he joined the Congregational church at Newburg and later transferred his membership to Grinnell.

On Saturday, Oct. 5th at 2:00 p.m., funeral services were held eight miles east of Antigo at Will Wagner home. The services were conducted by Rev. Henry Freeling of the Congregational church at Antigo where the deceased had attended some. It was a most fitting and impressive service. Mrs. Robert Utnelimer sang "Where He Leads Me", and "Solely and Tenderly," the same hymns and songs used at his brother's sister-in-law's funerals and most appreciated by him.

Charles Risse, Rudolph Risse, Rudolph Schmidt, August Schmidt, Henry Schmidt, and Oswald Schmidt, nephews, served as bearers. Those attending the se-

ices from a distance were Mrs. Augusta Cartier, daughter Margaret and grandson from Green Bay; Mr. and Mrs. August Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Owalt Schmidt of Clintonville; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt and daughter of Cecil; Mr. and Mrs. Max Risse, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Risse of Appleton; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hannert, Mrs. Alfred Schroeder and Mr. Charles Risse of Random Lake; Mr. Theodore H. Risse and Mr. Dale Smith of Grinnell, Iowa.

The body was brought to Grinnell where services were held at the home of Alma Steinert at 1115 Spring street, Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m. Rev. E. M. Vittum, a friend of Mr. Risse and his former pastor, gave one of his most splendid sermons. A quartet composed of E. L. York, E. G. Peterson, H. Dawkins and F. Tomasek rendered three selections, "Nearer My God to Thee," "Wonderful Peace" and "That Beautiful Land" in their usual splendid manner.

The following served as pall bearers: Ed Hanna of Toledo, Fred Harvey of Des Moines, Robert Spading of Malcom, Nick Heisel, C. L. McNally and E. T. Lidtka of Grinnell.

Interment was in the family lot at Ivy Hill cemetery at Malcom.

Those remaining to mourn his untimely death are a son, Theodore H. Risse, a daughter, Alma M. Steinert, six grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of Grinnell, a brother Max Risse of Appleton, Wis., a brother Oswald Risse of Round Up, Montana, and many other nieces and nephews and other relatives as well as a host of friends.

Thus came to a close a life of usefulness, spent for the betterment of humanity, the endearment of his home, and carrying out the Christian life in his various pursuits.

Those from out of town at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ulrich, Mrs. Harley Bivens of New Richland, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Carpenter of Mason City; F. P. Harvey of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hanna, and Mrs. Robert Hanna of Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Baltisberger and Eva of Montezuma; Mr. L. F. Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz of Reasnor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeWitt and family of Gilman; Mr. Delmar W. Risse of Cedar Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spading, Mrs. Charles Eisele, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eisele, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eisele, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spading of Malcom.