

## Former Resident Dies At Traer *H-R*

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A former Grinnell resident, Mae Francis Sears, died August 4, 1967, at her farm home near Traer, Ia., at the age of 72.

Mrs. Sears was born near Grinnell on Nov. 29, 1894, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Stahl, long-time residents of Grinnell. Mrs. Sears studied music two years at Grinnell College.

On Aug. 16, 1917, she was united in marriage to Homer Sears near Chester Center, Iowa. The first 21 years of their married life were spent at Chester and they have lived northeast of Traer since 1939. The couple was to have observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 13, 1967, at Traer.

Mrs. Sears was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruth Temple, who died in 1960. Survivors include her husband — Homer, of rural Traer; four sons—Donald of Grinnell; Aruthur of Hiawatha, Kan.; Edgar of Grinnell; Kenneth of LaPorte City, Iowa; and four daughters — Mrs. Keith (Rhoda) Wilkinson of Oelwein; Mrs. Dean (Dorothy) Elliott of Dysart; Mrs. Norman (Wilma) Holub, of Buckingham; and Mrs. William (Lois) Danker, Jr., of Traer. She is also survived by thirty-six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a brother, Henry E. Stahl, of Grinnell.

Funeral services for Mae Francis Sears were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, August 7, at the Calvary Baptist Church at Traer, with the Rev. Harley Peters conducting the services.

Organist was Mrs. Beulah Whannel, of Traer. Six grandsons were pallbearers: Lawrence Temple, Charles Sears, Michael Sears, Ronald Wilkinson, David Sears, and Robert Elliott. Burial was in Buckingham Cemetery at Traer.