

MS **E. Stafford**
Funeral Today

11-3-1931

Lifelong Resident of Grinnell
Passes Away at Local
Hospital Saturday

**ATTENDED SCHOOL HERE
AND WAS IN BUSINESS**

Rev. C. R. Zimmerman is Conduct-
ing Funeral Services At
Late Home Today

Miss Emma A. Stafford passed away at a local hospital Saturday morning, Oct. 31, following a major operation which was preceded by years of failing health. Funeral services are being held from the family home at 609 Fifth avenue this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. C. R. Zimmerman, acting pastor of the Methodist church.

Serving as pall bearers are: Mayor Will J. Nelson, Luther Verbeck, Harry Yeager, Frank Knight, Arthur Robison and Frank Black.

Emma Adeline Stafford was born in Grinnell, October 28, 1870, attended school here, engaged in business life for many years and counted her friends by the score. She was capable, energetic and possessed an unusually pleasing personality. Her entire life was spent in this community.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stafford who located in Grinnell in an early day. Their family and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nelson have always been very close friends. Mr. Stafford was born in County Downs, Ireland in 1833 and came to America at the age of 17. He was a devoted, enthusiastic Mason and a veteran of the Civil War, having served from 1861 to 1865 with Company K., New York Volunteers. Both the father and mother died many years ago.

Of the seven children of the family Emma Stafford is the first

to die. Surviving her are Mrs. Ruthella Reiter of Los Angeles; Mrs. M. P. Reiter, Margaret Stafford, Charles Stafford and Mrs. A. J. Keister of Grinnell, and Mrs. Charles Ingraham of Marshalltown. In addition to the sisters and brother there are several nieces and nephews.

Miss Stafford became a member of the Methodist church in her girlhood and had always been a consistent and devoted Christian. She was said by many to be one of the noblest women of the community. In her quiet, pleasant way she helped and comforted many friends and neighbors in times of trouble and sorrow. She was a member of the Rebekah lodge and of the Daughters of Union Veterans organization.

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