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PASSES AWAY

Friends of F. W. Thackeray who knew him in boyhood and young manhood and who have been acquainted with him all the past 56 years will be exceedingly sorry to learn of his death this morning at five o'clock. Mr. Thackeray was born at Chatham, Ontario, January 24, 1856. His father, F. Thackeray was born at Garton, England.

October 6, 1869 Francis Thackeray with his wife and six children and two step daughters reached Grinnell and here was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thackeray until their death.

Frank W. Thackeray was married at Grinnell July 11, 1882, to Emma Eckert who survives him.

Excepting for a short time away from here, their entire life has been spent in Grinnell since marriage and mostly in the restaurant business. His place of business was always recognized as one of the cleanest eating houses of the city. Even in the early days when restaurants were a thing rather to be avoided the Thackeray restaurant was clean, cooking good and service right.

For about twelve years, Mr. Thackeray has suffered from Bright's disease but he has resisted its attacks and has been steadily in the office of the Antler's Hotel up to the very time of his death.

The funeral will be held Sunday at three o'clock at the M. E. Church conducted by Rev. W. J. Todd.

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Grinnell & You

W.G. Ray, same issue

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He came to Grinnell with his parents, October 6, 1869, a total family of ten. He worked for others, at the same time working for himself. July 11, 1882, he was united in marriage with Emma Eckert, of Marshalltown, who survives him. At that time he was in the employ of Craver, Steele & Austin. At one time he was a member of the firm Thackeray & Newby in the livery business. In the nineties he entered the Metropolitan restaurant in the employ of J. W. Proctor and later purchased it. Later he sold to Alexander & Beatty, but soon after took charge of it again. He later sold it to C. C. Phelps. Since 1917 he has had charge of the Antlers Hotel and for a number of years he and his wife have conducted both a hotel and cafe and restaurant.

Mr. Thackeray has always been careful in his dealings. He has been courteous even though reticent and his best friends are those who have known him during the long period of his life in Grinnell. His wife has been an unusual help in the business which he has followed.

Mr. Thackeray was for years a member of the Grinnell Fire Department. During a portion of that time he was chief and here he served the public in the capacity of fireman with all the faithfulness and interest that any man could put into his own business. In making friends, Mr. Thackeray did not make them by handshaking. He made them by faithful attention to duty and by an earnest desire to keep himself straight with all people whom he came in contact with. In this he has been unusually successful and as the years have gone by those who have known him for half a century will testify that he was a real man with a real purpose in life and that he left the world with his conscience unsullied and his reputation clean.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church Sunday at three o'clock in charge of Rev. W. J. Todd who spoke a few kindly words, using the 23rd Psalm as the basis of his remarks.

The floral decorations were beautiful. There were two songs by D. C. Phillips and Mrs. W. J. Todd, "Doe Jesus Care," and "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Burial was in the family lot at Hazelwood. Bearers were F. S. Edg. Grant Ramsey, J. G. Shifflett, J. I. Skinner, Ross Work and W. G. Ray.

Friday, April 17. Mr. Thackeray was a life-long resident of Grinnell, coming with his parents in 1869; he was in the restaurant business practically all his life, and always had a large and appreciative following. 1925

The Easter address at the State Teachers College at Cedar Falls was delivered by Professor John D. Stoops of Grinnell.

Frank Thackeray

Fifty Years of Friendship

The writer has been acquainted with Frank Thackeray for half a century. We met him in those earlier days when both of us were in our teens and an acquaintance and friendship of that early day has remained during the whole period of the lives of both of us in and near Grinnell. In those early days he, too, was a "hired hand" and he, too, was working out his future with some ambition, some hope and aspirations for something which he considered better in life than merely performing the demands of someone else.

Mr. Thackeray was always quiet and never in his make-up was there anything of bluster or boasting. He did his daily duty as it came to him and lived a clean and upright life, always free from the little vices which many acquired, always maintaining his credit with the people with whom he traded and lived, during the half century growing ~~more~~ ^{more} ~~his~~ ^{his} determination to maintain such relations with the business community that his name and his credit would never be tarnished by wrong doing or deceitfulness.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the kind friends who were so generous with their assistance and sympathy at the death of our loved husband and brother and all who sent us flowers and helped in any way to express kindness and regard for the one who has gone.

Mrs. F. W. Thackeray
 Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Thackeray
 Mrs. H. E. Barrett