

An Obituary ⁶⁻¹¹
Of The Late
Geo. T. Wilson
4-30-1935

George T. Wilson, son of William Henry and Lucy Jane Wilson, was born in North Carolina August 27, 1861, and entered into rest April 25, 1935, aged 73 years, seven months and 27 days.

When five years old he came with his parents to Lynnville, Iowa, and with the exception of nine years in Wisconsin, spent the rest of his life in Iowa.

He was united in marriage to Geneva M. Walton July 30, 1883. To this union six sons were born: Numa Floyd and William Harry, who preceded him in death; Ber-yl Chandos of Doly City, Calif., Ralph Taylor of Collins, Ia., Alford Thomas of Grinnell and George Walton of University Park, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

He was converted in 1892 and joined the Methodist church, later changing his membership to the Friends church in Albia, Ia. In 1930 he, with his wife, came to Grinnell and united with the First Friends church, where he continued an active member until prevented by ill health.

He was deeply interested in the work of the church, loving its fellowship, ever ready to do what he could in its support. He believed strongly in the temperance movement, and was anxious for its success.

During his last illness he gave many expressions of his readiness to go. While he enjoyed life, and was loathe to go, he believed life does not end here. After an interval of quietness when he seemed to be asleep he opened his eyes and said he had gone and come back from a beautiful place where there was peace and rest. His last words were: "The blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin" and a bright smile came over his face as he said, "Meet me in the skies."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson celebrated their golden wedding in 1933. He will be greatly missed by his wife, his four sons and fourteen grandchildren, five sisters, who were present at the funeral, Mrs. R. D. Steele of Montezuma, Mrs. J. H. Broadston of Newton, Mrs. O. P. Broadston of Des Moines, Mrs. E. F. Norris of Grinnell, and Mrs. F. L. Keyes of Oskaloosa, and a brother, R. D. Wilson of Nebraska, and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held in the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Robert Lincoln and Rev. Carrie A. Butler. Three songs were sung, "Going Down the Valley," "Saved by Grace," "We'll Never Say Goodby in Heaven," by a quartette composed of Paul Huff, Joe Haupt, Donald Schooley and Glen Huff, with Mrs. Roscoe Dempster at the piano. The pallbearers were William Watkins, Theodore Risse, William McDowell, Walter Glenny, H. A. Russell and Arthur Van-Zanty. Interment was at Westfield.