

LEWIS WILSON ABNEY

3-23-1923
Lewis Wilson Abney was born in Illinois on May 16th, 1847. Following the urge of those pioneer days to push on to the west, he came first to Iowa shortly after the close of the war. Not long afterward he moved out to Nebraska where he took up a homestead. In 1879 he returned to Iowa and since 1892 has been a resident of Grinnell.

In 1868 Mr. Abney married Martha Jane Lewis of Hedrick, Iowa. To them were born four sons and four daughters, all of whom are living save the youngest, Mrs. Effie Ingerman, who passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Abney died here in Grinnell in 1902.

The same year during the pastorate of Dr. E. M. Vittum, Mr. Abney united with the Congregational Church upon confession of his faith. His life was one of honest toil. He has had his part in the building up of these western states.

Until the last two years Mr. Abney had always enjoyed good health, aside from some impairment of his sight and his hearing. Two years ago he suffered a stroke and since that time he failed noticeably until the last stroke came three weeks ago. He passed away February 19, 1923 at the age of seventy four.

Missouri and a sister, Mrs. Lydia Ruby of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, survive him. The surviving children are, Selie W., George and Ernest Abney and Mrs. Amanda Gilbert of Marshall.

A brother, H. P. Abney of Sadalia, town; Charlie of Grinnell; Mrs. Annie Hughes of Emmet, Idaho and Mrs. Albie Hulbert of Zearing, Iowa. There are thirty-one grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross, Wednesday afternoon, February 21, from the Mellott Undertaking Parlors. Mrs. Edward B. T. Spencer and Miss Stella Bartlett sang "Nearer My God, to Thee," and "My Jesus, As Thou Wilt." Interment was made at Hazelwood.