

OBITUARY

GEORGE ARMENTROUT

H-R Sept 5, 1955
George Armentrout was born September 18th, 1866 in Jasper county and died at Grinnell on September 1st, 1953.

The son of Phillip Slook and Anna Frizell Armentrout, he was married on December 29th, 1897 in Jasper county to Lena Christine Jorgensen who died on September 8th, 1953.

A resident of Grinnell for nearly fifty years, he first worked in Grinnell for the Laros Buggy Works for several years and was later employed by the Spaulding Buggy Factory here. In 1920 and 1921 he was associated with Skeels' Blacksmith Shop in the present site of Cox Paint Store. In 1923, he became associated with the late Jesse Kingsland in blacksmithing. The association, located behind the Strand theatre, continued until a few years ago.

A prominent member of the Methodist church, he and Mrs. Armentrout taught in the primary department of the church for many years. It was their policy to present Bibles to each primary student as they graduated into the junior department.

A nephew, Ward Gifford of Grinnell, survives.

Funeral services were held September 3rd from the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. John DeLong, D. D., minister of the Methodist church, officiating. Music at the services was furnished by Mrs. Rhee Auman.

Pallbearers were J. E. Alexander, Raymond George, Charles Manly, A. B. Manson, John

Peters and E. L. York.
Interment was in Union Cemetery in Newton.

G. Armentrout Dies Thursday; Here 50 Years

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Worked as Blacksmith
Many Years; Prominent
In Church Activities

George Armentrout, 88, retired Grinnell blacksmith, died Thursday night, Sept. 1, at a local rest home following an illness of several years.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 3, from Smith Funeral Home with Rev. John DeLong, minister of the Methodist church officiating.

Here 50 Years

Resident of Grinnell for almost fifty years, Mr. Armentrout was born in Jasper county on Sept. 18, 1866, the son of Phillip Slook and Anna Frizzell Armentrout. He was married Dec. 29, 1897 in Jasper county to Lena Christine Jorgensen, who died on Sept. 8, 1953.

Blacksmith

After coming to Grinnell, he first worked for several years for the Laros Buggy Works and then was employed by the Spaulding Buggy Factory here. In 1920 and 1921 he was associated with the Skeels Blacksmith Shop in the present location of Cox Paint Store. In 1923, he became associated with the late Jesse Kingsland in blacksmithing. The association, behind Strand theatre, continued until a few years ago. He had previously lived at Clear Lake and Newburg.

Active In Church

Prominent member of the Methodist church, he and Mrs. Armentrout taught in the primary department of the church for many years. It was their policy to present Bibles to each primary student as they graduated into the junior department.

Surviving is a nephew, Ward Gifford of Grinnell.

At the final rites, music was by Mrs. R. H. Auman. Pallbearers were J. E. Alexander, A. B. Manson, Raymond George, John Peters, Charles Manly and E. L. York. Interment was at Union Cemetery at Newton.

Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.