

Clara Baggs services held

Clara M. Baggs, 98, of Grinnell died Sunday evening, March 28, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the United Church of Christ — Congregational, and William A. Foote, church intern, officiating. Organist was Deanna Acrea. Pallbearers were Lyman Case, Albert C. Eisenman, K.L. Hoefert, Howard Macy, Charles M. Manly and Max A. Smith. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of George T. and Joanna E. Bailey Baggs, she was born Nov. 9, 1883, on a farm northwest of Grinnell. She attended Grinnell schools, graduating from Grinnell High School in 1903.

She and her brother, Russell Baggs, lived on the family farm until 1952 when they retired and moved into town. Miss Baggs, in addition to assisting her brother in managing the farm, earlier worked at the former Merchants Bank in Grinnell and later was secretary to the Grinnell superintendent of schools.

She was an active member of the United Church of Christ — Congregational since 1893. She was a charter member of the Levart Club, which is observing its 75th anniversary this year. She was also a member of the DAR, the Priscilla Club and the Grinnell General Hospital Auxiliary, serving as the auxiliary's president at one time.

There are no immediate survivors. Miss Baggs was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Russell and Charles.