

Death Ends Useful Life

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Gertrude Laurinda Bailey Was One of
Grinnell's Cultured
Women.

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL
BE SATURDAY AT 10:30 A. M.

Miss Bailey Was Daughter of One of
Grinnell's Earliest
Settlers.
died April 16, 1928

When the life of Gertrude Laurinda Bailey went out at eleven o'clock Monday night, one of the brightest and most cultured minds of Grinnell was joined with eternity. A graduate of the class of 1879 of Grinnell College, Miss Bailey earned in her college course the reputation of being a bright, careful and earnest student with a literary ability far surpassing that of most others who were in college with her. Before entering college she attended high school from which she graduated, always recognized as bright and studious.

Her father, James F. Bailey was one of the earliest settlers in Grinnell having come here in October, 1854, a few months after the town was started. After over a year in Grinnell he returned to his former home at Auburn, New York, and in May 1856 brought his wife whom he had married in 1845 to this city.

There were four families of the Baileys who came to Grinnell and bought land which was located on the northwest corner of the city. Three of them returned afterwards to Michigan and founded the colony of Benzonia, intending to establish a college at that place. This college was started and developed but other colleges surpassed it and it is now an academy. James F. Bailey was interested in this school, contributed liberally in money for the founding of the colony and at one time owned considerable property in Benzonia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were interested in education and also were effective workers in the church, staunch prohibitionists and Mr. Bailey was a working Republican.

The death of Miss Bailey came quite suddenly. She had not been entirely well for several years. She had been down town that afternoon and complained of some pain in her chest.

While her sister was working in the kitchen, though rather late in the evening, she was writing to her brother, sitting in her chair in the sitting room. Her sister came into the room and found her head slightly reclining to one side and at once surmised that something serious ailed her. A physician was called but he pronounced her dead when he arrived.

Miss Bailey was an active and influential worker in the W. C. T. U., a conscientious member of the Congregational church and a regular attendant, and was heartily interested in missionary work. She joined the Congregational church in November, 1870, and probably no more faithful attendant lived in or near Grinnell. Truth was to her "shield and buckler" and she lived a life of purity and hope.

In her earlier life she spent much time in school work. She taught near Grinnell and also at Neosho Falls, Kansas. At one time she acted as lady principal for a short time during the sickness of the then lady principal of Grinnell College. She was a wide reader, interested in everything that was going on in the world, a woman who has been a benefit to Grinnell and who has made the world better for living in it. Two sisters survive her, Mrs. Ella Bailey Read of Parsons, Kansas, and her sister, Jennie Bailey living with her. One brother also survives, Will Bailey of Duluth, Minn., who is expected this afternoon from the east.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock at the home.