

# Pioneer Of Chester Passes

4-19-1927  
Irwin Alexander Bean Died Saturday  
Evening in Community  
Hospital.

**HAD JUST PASSED HIS  
EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.**

**Funeral Services Were Held Monday  
Afternoon From the Chester  
Church.**

Funeral services were conducted from the Chester church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Irwin Alexander Bean, who passed away Saturday evening at the Community Hospital aged 80 years and 9 days. Mr. Bean was one of the old timers of the Chester neighborhood and the funeral services were attended by a large number of friends. Rev. H. L. Wissler was in charge of the services and two selections were sung by Mrs. George Trumbell and Mrs. Harry Eastman with Mrs. T. A. Armstrong at the piano. Pall bearers were M. E. Sears, Louis Hafkey, T. A. Armstrong, Henry Stahl, F. E. Eichhorn and Ed Lidtka. Burial was in Chester cemetery.

In his remarks at the funeral Rev. Mr. Wissler said:

"Another old settler, a long time resident of Chester township, has answered the last call. I. A. Bean's was one of the most familiar faces and he was one of the best known citizens of Chester. He did not figure in any conspicuous way, but was a very modest and quiet mannered man.

"He came to Chester in the fall of 1868 and made his home in Chester since that time. Here he met Miss Catherine Dimit who became his wife almost fifty years ago, and who preceded him in death Sept. 17, 1926.

"Mr. Bean became a member of the Congregational church of Chester many years ago and lived a faithful Christian through all the years.

"He was born in Mercer County, Ill., April 7, 1847, and died at Community Hospital, Grinnell, April 16, 1927, aged 80 years and 9 days. He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Mrs. George Hafkey of Chester and Miss Pearl Bean, at home, and two sons, Ralph Bean, who is in the west, and Oliver Bean, living north of Grinnell."