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## DR. E. C. BLISS DIED SUNDAY IN OBERLIN, OHIO

July 26 — 1939

Passes Away at Home of  
His Daughter, Mrs.  
Lloyd Taylor.

Dr. E. C. Bliss, pioneer physician and loved and honored citizen of Grinnell, died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Taylor, in Oberlin, Ohio, where he and Mrs. Bliss had been spending the winter. Dr. Bliss had been in failing health for some time.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Taylor, and a son, Edwin, of Casper, Wyoming.

It was announced in the Congregational church Sunday that the funeral would be held here but instead the services will be held in Oberlin Tuesday afternoon. Interment in Hazelwood cemetery will be made later. Mrs. Bliss will remain in Oberlin until later in the spring.

Dr. Bliss' long period of residence in Grinnell was marked by upright, Christian living. All his life long he has been an earnest worker in the Congregational church, which he had served as deacon and in other capacities and he not only preached his Christianity but practiced it.

His kindly presence and his good example will be missed in Grinnell.

BLISS, Dr. Edwin Clarence

From Grinnell Herald 2-27-1939, obituary

" " " Jan 4 & 7, 1951 "Jessie M. Bliss" (filed)

Born in Grinnell,

son of Deacon Harvey and Elvora Rose Bliss,

Jan 15, 1890

married/Jessie Winslow Meeteer, daughter of Samuel Thomas and Mary Caroline Brayton Meeteer, born near Mahteno, Ill., Apr 11, 1864. When she was thirteen, he parents moved to Kansas, where she later attended the normal course of Baker University. ~~After graduation, she~~ taught school three years.

During Dr. Bliss' long period in the practice of medicine in Grinnell, they were active in Congregational Church work, & the Grinnell Humane Society. ~~Mrs. Bliss~~, due to an attack of malarial fever in Kansas, ~~her~~ Mrs. Bliss' health was frail, yet she accomplished much in ~~the~~ good deeds and example. Dr. Bliss retired from active practice in 1937, and they spent two winters with their daughter, Esther Bliss Taylor in Oberlin, Ohio. During the second winter, Dr. Bliss died, Feby 26, 1939. Mrs. Bliss remained in Oberlin until spring, bringing his ashes for burial in Hazelwood. Mrs. Bliss spent much of her remaining years with the Taylors in Oberlin, where she died January 3, 1951.

The Bliss' had two children: Esther, Mrs. Lloyd Taylor of Oberlin, and Edwin Meeteer Bliss of Casper, Wyoming.

Mrs. Parish ~~corresponded with~~ had written to Esther concerning a memorial gift to the museum. She and her daughter, Ruth Taylor Deery have sent a number of articles including the early Grinnell photograph of the Old Settler's reunion, an early photograph of the Searchlight Club to which Jessie Meeteer Bliss had been a member, an original Currier & Ives ~~print~~ framed print, a beautifully carved walnut picture frame.

*long about the Grinnell Humane Society*

**AT REST—**

The ashes of Dr. E. C. Bliss, who died in Oberlin, Ohio, now rest in Hazelwood cemetery. where an interment service was conducted this morning by Rev. Robert Inglis, in the presence of a group of relatives and friends. Dr. Bliss practiced medicine for many years in Grinnell. He was a good doctor, a good citizen and a good friend and his contribution to his town and his church will keep his memory green in the community which he loved and served during so many fruitful years.

—Dr. E. C. Bliss, of Windom, Kansas, reached Grinnell Saturday, and is living for a short time at the home of Harvey Bliss, until Mrs. Bliss can arrange to come. Dr. Bliss is a graduate of Iowa College, class of '81, and is also a graduate we believe, of Rush—one of the best institutions in the country. He has opened an office in Cass & Works' block—just over McIntosh's. As a Grinnell boy of thorough medical education and successful practice, he should meet with the encouragement of a large circle of friends. 1 - 31 - 1893

BLISS, Dr. Edwin Clarence (born Grinnell 1859) 1858

From Letter from Esther Bliss Taylor (filed)

" Grinnell Herald 6-27-1888; 1-7-1881, filed.

Born Grinnell, Aug 17, 1859, son of Deacon Harvey and Minora Rose Bliss. When about four, family to farm near Westfield, s.w. of Grinnell, then to farm s.e. of town. Graduate Iowa College 1881, Rush Medical College 1885. Practiced in Chicago, then to medical staff Iowa State Hospital for Insane, Independence, Ia. After 3 years to general practice in Kansas.

Married 1-10-1890, Jessie Winslow Meeteer, of Little River, Kans., dau of Samuel W. and Mary Brayton Meeteer. She was born Hannono, Ill., 4-11-1864. Family to Kansas. attended normal school Baker University, then taught 7 years. Malarial fever in Kansas prior to university days weakened eyes and impaired later health. Two children: Esther Minora, born Little River, Kans.