

ACTIVE LIFE ENDED
Grinnell Loses An Active and Earnest
Woman in the Death of Mrs.
T. E. Bray.

Nora Teresa Farrell, daughter of James and Rosanna Farrell, was born at Wells River, Vermont, on August 24, 1859, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, on May 14, 1919. She was married to Thomas E. Bray at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, September 18, 1877, and after her marriage resided at Danville, Vermont, until October 23, 1900, at which time she and her husband and family removed from St. Johnsbury home to Grinnell, where they have since resided with the exception of the last few months, which were spent at the home of her son, Edward, at Iowa, administering to the needs of their children. She was admitted on at Mercy hospital in Des Moines on April 5, 1919, and about three weeks ago was removed from the hospital to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. A. Eglin, 459 West 33rd St., Des Moines, where she appeared to be regaining her health until last Wednesday when it became apparent that the end was approaching.

She leaves surviving her nine children who are: Thomas J. Bray, Okaloosa, Iowa; William M. Bray, Fresno, California; Lillian M. Bray, Grinnell, Iowa; Farrell Bray, Sigourney, Iowa; Mrs. Charles A. Eglin, Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Edward Stiles, Buffalo, N. Y.; John C. Kerrigan, Boston, Iowa; Edith W. Bray, Chicago, Illinois; and Frances J. Bray, Des Moines. She leaves three grand-children who are: Josephine Bray and Joseph Farrell Bray, children of Thomas J. Bray; Thomas D. Bray, Annapolis, Md.; Daniel L. Bray and Miriam H. Bray, children of Farrell Bray; and John F. Kerrigan, son of Mrs. John C. Kerrigan. She is also survived by three sisters and one brother, who are: Mrs. Mary Cunningham of South Danville, Vermont; Mrs. Kate Horrigan of Holyoke, Mass.; Mrs. Evelyn Hoppper of White Plains, N. Y., and P. J. Farrell of Washington, D. C.

At the time of her death her bed was surrounded by seven of her children, the two absent ones being her son William and her daughter Blanche Stiles, who was too ill to go to her mother. Mrs. Bray's husband died on December 30, 1908.

She was president of the Read and Reflect club, a trustee of the Ladies' Cemetery association and a faithful member of the Catholic church of Grinnell.

Funeral services were held at St. Columbanus' church in Grinnell on Sunday, May 18, 1919, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., conducted by her pastor, Reverend Father Hannon, and the body was laid to rest at the side of her husband in Calvary cemetery.

Three of her sons, two of her sons-in-law and her brother-in-law, Henry M. Bray, acted as pall bearers.

A large concourse of friends were present to pay tribute to the memory of the worthy woman who has thus passed beyond. Her life was one of strength and activity. Always kindly, earnest and true, she lived a pure life, marked by great intellectual power and true patriotism.

Few women have given more to the community and few will be more missed. Her upright life and honesty of purpose made her a place of honor in the town as well as in the home, and when the last words are written they will be "she did what she could and that was much."

The usual brief Catholic service was conducted at the church by Father Hannon, who added a few words of commendation and tribute to the beautiful life thus ended, all with characteristic simplicity and appropriateness.