

## Oskaloosa Lawyer T.J. Bray Dies At 90

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Oskaloosa, for Thomas James Bray of Oskaloosa, one of the area's most well known attorneys. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery at Grinnell.

Mr. Bray, 90, was found dead in a rest room at the Mahaska County Court House about 10:20 a.m. Monday by Montezuma attorney Vincent Johnson.

son. Although he had been in ill health for several years Mr. Bray was active in his law practice when his health permitted.

A native of New Hampshire, he moved with his family to Grinnell in 1890. He was admitted to the bar in 1904 after studying law and serving as a court reporter for Judge J. J. Scott of Poweshiek County.

He opened a law office in Grinnell and recently recalled

his early days when he had to travel by train from Grinnell to Montezuma for court appearances.

Married to the former Elizabeth McCullough of Davenport in 1912, Mr. and Mrs. Bray moved to Oskaloosa in 1916.

Survivors include two sons, James and Charles of Oskaloosa; a daughter, Mrs. S.M. Hairston of Meridian, Miss.; a brother, Lyle of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. John Kerrigan of Fremont, Neb., and Mrs. Blance Stiles of Kansas City, Mo.

Thursday, October 19, 1967

## Thomas J. Bray, Mahaska Lawyer, Dies In Oskaloosa

Thomas J. Bray, former Grinnell resident, Poweshiek County court reporter, political leader, and lately Mahaska County attorney, was found dead near the judge's quarters at the Mahaska County court house Monday. He was 90 years old.

He was found by Montezuma attorney Vincent Johnson at about 10:20 a.m. Bray had been in poor health for a number of years. He was the oldest member of the local bar, and was said to be a highly successful lawyer.

He was born Aug. 31, 1877, near North Danville, N.H. At the age of 13 he came to Grinnell with his family. After working as court reporter for Poweshiek County, he studied law and began practice in Grinnell. He was admitted to the bar in 1904.

In 1912 he married Elizabeth McCullough of Davenport. In 1916 the couple moved to Oskaloosa.

Surviving are two sons, James and Charles Bray, who operate a farm near Oskaloosa. Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Josephine Hairston of Meridian, Miss., eight grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Monday, January 17, 1966

## Mrs. Thos. Bray, Former Resident, Dies At Oskaloosa

A former Grinnellian, Mrs. Thomas J. Bray, 81, of rural Oskaloosa, died Tuesday, Jan. 11th at an Oskaloosa hospital.

Funeral services were held Thursday at St. Mary's church in Oskaloosa with the Rev. Dennis Cahalan officiating. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery at Grinnell.

The daughter of Wilbur J. and Josephine Mitchell McCullough, she was born Nov. 21st, 1884 at Davenport. A graduate of Davenport high school, she graduated from St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, Ind., in 1906. She was a talented musician and wrote many articles published in magazines.

Following her marriage to Thomas J. Bray in 1912 they resided in Grinnell where he was a practicing lawyer. In 1916 they moved to Oskaloosa and had resided there since.

Mrs. Bray was a member of St. Mary's church, the Oskaloosa Women's club, and other civic organizations.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas J.; a daughter, Mrs. Samuel H. (Josephine) Hairston of Meridian, Miss.; two sons, James and Charles, both of Oskaloosa; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild; a sister, Mrs. Claude M. Sullivan of Toledo, Ohio; and a brother, Henry M. McCullough of Davenport.