

## W.E. Brown 3-17-1933 Passes Away

Walter Brown, Pioneer Resident  
of Westfield, Dies Monday  
at Age of 71

Walter E. Brown, son of John and Mary Brown, was born in Westfield Nov. 26, 1861, and died March 13, 1933, at the age of 71 years, 3 months and 15 days.

His parents were thrifty, industrious, folk who came from Devonshire, England, settling in Westfield, and were among the early pioneers there.

He was married to Ella Leasure of Grinnell Oct. 5, 1897. To this union was born one daughter, Laritta, a beautiful girl who died four years ago last Aug. 13.

Walter E. Brown with his wife and daughter spent the winter of 1921 in the west. He enjoyed many pleasant experiences there, visiting relatives and being entertained in their homes. When asked if he would like to spend the rest of his life there, he answered, No, Iowa was good enough for him, and he would be content to live and die in Westfield. He had his wish, for he passed quietly away in the home where he was born, and where he had lived his life.

After a busy morning, he complained of a severe pain in the region of his heart, and said he would lie down and rest a while. In a few moments he was heard to draw a deep breath and his wife was shocked to find that he was gone; that life had departed.

Walter E. Brown believed in honesty and industry and lived out these principles in his daily life. He wished no ill to his neighbor but was ever ready to lend a helping hand, and to chat with them in a friendly way as they came and went. Only those who were intimate with him, or were privileged to be in his home really knew the man, and saw his kindly and unselfish spirit.

He gave unstintedly of himself in providing generously for the needs of his home, even the stock on the farm must not suffer for the lack of anything. In his religious thought he favored the Adventist faith.

He leaves behind to mourn his departure, his wife and one sister, Mrs. Ella Brownell of Pasadena, and a large number of relatives, friends and neighbors. Four of his sisters preceded him, dying in their youth.

The funeral service was held in the Westfield church Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Robert Lincoln, who grew up in the same neighborhood with the deceased, where they were boy friends together. "We Are Going Down the Valley" and "Rock of Ages" were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lord and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Howell. Pall bearers were George Pearce, Ed Brown, Fred Brown, Frank Pearce, Harry Brown, and Frank Brown. Burial was in Hazelwood.