

5-16 OBITUARY. 1905  
WILLIAM BROWN

The following is the obituary of William Brown printed in the Mason City Republican:

Mr. Brown, who is the father of Mrs. J. T. Cessna, of this city and a former resident here, died very suddenly on March 2 of pneumonia at the home of his daughter Mrs. Emma Peacock at Bayonne, N. J., while on a trip with some horses for the eastern market.

The funeral was held a week ago last Tuesday at the Congregational church in Mason City. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cessna were present for the funeral services.

The Mason City paper says:

"William Brown was born in Ireland August 12, 1841. When a boy he came with his parents to Davenport, Iowa. Here he was married Dec. 10, 1863, to Miss Isabella Porter. The family lived at Grinnell from 1869 to 1879 and then came to the farm just south of this city.

Eight children were born to them. One died in infancy, Ross when nine years old in 1889, and Mrs. Fannie Schermerhorn in Boston, April 16, 1900. His wife, a most worthy lady, died in 1900. On Dec. 13, 1902, he was married to Miss Mabel Jacobs, a lady of good family, who died Dec. 8, 1903. The living children are as follows: Mrs. Elsie Cessna, of Grinnell, Mrs. Emma Peacock of Bayonne, N. J., Miss Anna Brown of this city, Mrs. Clara Baker of Decorah, Ia., and Howard of Saskatoon Canada. He had twelve grandchildren. Messrs. Baker, Cessna and Peacock were here, as were the children, excepting Emma and Howard.

Wm. Brown was a high class citizen. He was a faithful member of the Congregational church and had been one of the deacons. He brought up a family to be proud of. He stood for the right and the best things in life, and there is genuine mourning over his death. The family have had a severe trial and in it have the sympathy of a host of friends."