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Parke Buckley Was An Early Graduate

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Parke Buckley, son of Franklin R. and Helen (Turner) Buckley was born July 10, 1856 and died on the farm where he was born in Ledomillo Township, Clayton County, Iowa, April 1st 1925, aged sixty-eight years, eight months and twenty-one days. His father and mother were among the early settlers of this community, coming here from Illinois in 1854 locating on the extensive tract of fine farming land known as the Buckley farm three miles east of Strawberry Point which has been occupied by the family ever since. Here Mr. Buckley spent his entire life except when away from home attending college. He attended Upper Iowa university and Lenox college several terms and then entered Grinnell college taking a full

collegiate course, graduating in 1881. In 1884 he took active management of the farm giving his undivided attention to farming ever since.

On December 20, 1885 at Grinnell, Iowa, he was married to Miss Nettie Williams whose acquaintance he formed in college. On January 31, 1889 his wife died leaving their one child, Harriet, now Mrs. Walter Hall of LeRoy, Minnesota. After the death of his wife his sister, Eva, now Mrs. B. W. Newberry for sixteen years was his home keeper. On February 7, 1906 he was married to Miss Lucinda Bixby, daughter of Rev. N. W. Bixby, one of the early pioneer ministers of this locality, who maintained a happy, contented home with him up to his death. He is survived by his bereaved wife, daughter, Mrs. Harriet Hall, three grandchildren, Gwendolin, Lucile and Donald and his dearly beloved mother, Helen M. Buckley who has attained the ripe age of ninety-seven years, still bright in mind but feeble in body, his five sisters, Mrs. Sarah R. Taintor of Winter Park, Florida, Mrs. Eva B. Newberry and Miss Helen T. Buckley of Strawberry Point, Iowa, Mrs. Jessie B. Alderson of Stanley, Wisconsin and Mrs. Mary A. Alderson of Dubuque, Iowa, and two nieces Miss Mary Taintor of Ripon, Wisconsin and Mrs. Katherine Hann of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, together with a host of friends to mourn his departure.

In early manhood Mr. Buckley became a member of the Congregational church of Strawberry Point and has been a constant member and a regular attendant ever since, occupying from time to time the positions of Sunday School superintendent and trustee, for many years up to his death serving as one of the deacons. He was a thorough Bible student, perhaps no one in the community exceeding him in his knowledge and reverence for the Sacred Book. He was at all times a whole-hearted, loyal, consistent Christian, ever solicitous for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ and the promotion of peace and good will throughout the world. He was greatly interested in missions, both foreign and home and but few in the state have made larger contributions to missions than he. His interest also extended to colleges and church and local activities for which he gave liberally in time and contributions. He was much attached to children and was ever their true friend, counselor and confidant.

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The funeral services were conducted

by the pastor of the Congregational church of Strawberry Point assisted by Rev. C. H. True an old friend of the family. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

The following from a distance were present at the funeral, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Zeuch of Davenport, Mr. F. S. Richards of McGregor and Mr. W. P. Lord of Hopkinton.

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