

FRANCIS MARION COOPER
11-15-1921
Death of One of Poweshiek's Leading
Physicians and Citizens

Francis Marion Cooper was born near Washington, Pennsylvania, Jan., 27, 1851 and departed this life Nov. 10, 1921, at the age of 70 years 9 months and 13 days.

The early years of his boyhood were spent in Licking County, Ohio.

In 1864 the family came to Iowa and located on a farm in Jasper County, where he lived as the average boy of that time lived, attending the district school and helping with the farm work.

He attended Hazel Dell Academy at Newton and later graduated from the Eastern Iowa Normal School.

He taught school at various times while securing his education.

He was a student at Drake University and later finished his medical course at the Iowa State University.

He began the practice of medicine at Searsboro, where for more than twenty years he administered to the physical needs of the people. Being of a sympathetic nature he spared neither time nor physical strength to allay their suffering.

His interest was for the betterment of mankind, his sympathy with those that mourned.

It was only those who knew him best that really knew what a friend he has been to the needy and those who needed friendship.

He always took a great interest in the educational affairs of his home town and was for nine years President of the school board at Searsboro.

On Dec. 27, 1888, Dr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Ella D. Scarbrough of Monroe, Iowa. To this union were born two daughters, Nellie M. and Clara B who died April 5th,

In 1905 Dr. and Mrs. Cooper moved to Grinnell for better educational advantages, much to the regret of the many Searsboro friends.

For many years he had been a sufferer from asthma and during the long period of his suffering the bible was his constant companion.

He accepted his Savior in early manhood and became a member of the Christian church later uniting with the M. E. church of which he was a member at the time of his death. But his tasks on earth were done and God saw fit to call him home and in the early morning he fell asleep there to await the great resurrection when all they that are in their graves shall hear the voice of God and come forth.

He leaves to mourn his loss his loving wife, daughter Nellie, who teaches in the Davenport high school, two brothers, 4 sisters and other relatives beside numerous friends.

The funeral was held at the home Saturday Nov. 12, at 10 o'clock conducted by Rev. Fay of the Christian church and Rev. Wasser of the M. E. church. -Mrs. Charles Laros sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "There is a Land of Pure Delight" and "At Eventide A Light is Breaking."

The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The burial took place at Monroe, Iowa, Monday Nov. 14th.

Those who attended from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Copeland and daughter Laurabell and son Ray, of Searsboro. Dr. James Cooper a brother from Rockwell City. Mr. Charles Scarbrough a brother of Mrs. Cooper from Ames and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Miller of Colfax, E. C. Cooper of Prairie City and Mrs. Frank Sellman of Newton.

The pallbearers were E. Henely, E. E. Hayes, R. G. Coutts, J. H. Rowe, J. J. Mullin, T. S. Mason.