

Albert Crews Dies Wed.

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Much Loved Grinnell Business Man
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Funeral Services are Indefinite Awaiting
Arrival of California Relatives; May Be Tuesday

Albert A. Crews succumbed Wednesday night at 11:40 o'clock at the local hospital after waging a long and hard fight with death. He had been a patient there for two and a half weeks during which time his condition was reported throughout to be very serious. On March first, Mr. Crews was taken ill with a severe case of the flu. From that time on he was not a bit well and complained to Mrs. Crews that he was so tired and had no pep. During this time his partner, Chet Williams, and he were busy planning and building the new Pioneer Oil station. He overtaxed his strength and realized that he was not recovering from the flu as he should.

Three weeks ago he was taken critically ill and two and a half weeks ago he was taken to the hospital where he gradually grew worse. Death was caused by poison from the flu entering the blood stream. His suffering was intense. He wanted so much to live and made a heroic but losing fight.

Albert A. Crews was born in the Sugar Creek neighborhood on March 8, 1887, and was 44 years of age at the time of his death. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lossen Crews. He was married in 1908 to Elva Ratcliff, who passed away in 1918, leaving four children. They are Horace, Willis and Theron of Grinnell and a daughter Genevieve who resides with his sister, Mrs. Grace Dare, of Pasadena. On June 9, 1925, he was married to Edith Stoaks. One son was born to this union, Roger, aged two and a half years.

Besides his wife and five children, he leaves his sister, Mrs. Grace Dare, Etta Crews; a brother, Ellsworth, all of Pasadena; a sister Mrs. Roy White and a brother, Forrest, of Newton, A sister, Mrs. Alta Martin, is deceased.

The deceased united with the Friends church in Sugar Creek at an early age. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Grinnell. Arrangements for the funeral services have not been made. They are awaiting the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dare and his daughter, Genevieve, who are driving from Pasadena, Calif. They started Wednesday noon, before they learned the news of Mr. Crews' death. It is thought, however, that the services will be held Tuesday afternoon.