

FIFTY YEARS AGO

1875-1925
(W. J. Ray)

The recent death of Henry H. Day calls to mind a few facts of the earlier history of Grinnell. When the writer came to Grinnell, Mr. Day lived on the farm just over the line in Jasper County now owned by E. J. Hadley. This was for long years known as the Day home and in the minds of many old settlers they still think of it even with its modern improvements as the Day place.

We do not know just when but sometime, probably in the early eighties, Mr. Day moved with his family to Grinnell where he entered the employ of the S. H. Herrick Hardware Company and learned and followed the trade of a tinner.

Since those years he has lived in Kellogg and later in Nampa. His first wife whose maiden name was Susie Foote was well known in Grinnell and had many warm and earnest friends. His second wife known here as Kate Stockton was an active and popular young woman in the days of her young womanhood and a woman of real worth. Mr. Day himself was always courteous, industrious, kind, and thrifty. He was a scion of a well known early Grinnell family. His father, Rev. Pliny Day had many friends in Grinnell. Henry Day was a child of the first wife of Rev. Pliny Day. His second wife was a sister of Mrs. J. B. Grinnell and Mr. Henry Day is a half brother of E. P. Day who still occupies the old home known practically since the early history of the town as the Day home. It is on north Park Street.

Mr. Day enlisted in his early manhood in a regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers and faithfully served his country during the war. All who knew him remember him as a man of real worth, of sterling character, and of faithful devotion to duty. Of course when he grew older and a few years ago moved back to Grinnell there were few living who knew him in the days of his young strength but all who did know that they have lost a real friend and a man whose influence was always for good. In addition to his three children, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Lovejoy of Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs. Lizzie Worcester of Hollis, N. H.

Henry Day Funeral Will Be Wednesday

5-26-1925
Henry H. Day, who has made his home in Grinnell ever since 1870, passed away Sunday afternoon at the home of his son, Frank Day, 612 Prairie street following an illness of several days.

Funeral services will be held from the United Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Day served four years in the Union army during the Civil War, enlisting on his twenty-first birthday, Nov. 12, 1861, in a New Hampshire regiment. In 1872 he was married to Susie Foote at Grinnell and after her death was united in marriage with Kate Stockton of Ladora.

Mr. Day was a tinner by trade and for several years worked for S. H. Herrick in the hardware store. He was located later in Kellogg, for thirty years and in 1910 he went to Idaho, returning to Kellogg in 1920. In 1923 he came to Grinnell and has since made his home here with his son.

He leaves three children by his first wife, Frank, of Grinnell, Mrs. Sam Birchard of Turner, and Mrs. E. L. Pringle of Shreveport, La., and one son, Herbert, of Idaho, by his second wife.

Mr. Day was a member of the Blue Lodge and Knight Templars, of Kellogg, and was known as a good man, a kind father and a highly useful citizen.

MASONS ATTENTION.

The Kellogg Masons will have charge of the funeral at the grave of Henry Day Wednesday at 3 P. M.

They have asked the Grinnell Masonic Brethren to join with them.

It is my Order that as many members of Hermon Lodge, No. 273 as can, meet at the hall from 2:00 to 2:30 to join with our Kellogg Brethren in paying our tribute to the departed Brother.

F. L. Shultz, W. M.