

F. H. Gifford Funeral Held

7-7-1933
Masons Have Charge of Funeral
Service Here Wednesday;
Burial at Marshalltown

PROF. J. W. GANNAWAY
PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE

Rev. Robert Inglis in Charge of
Short Service Here Wednes-
day Morning

Impressively beautiful burial rites were held Wednesday morning for the late Frank H. Gifford, near the Capron mausoleum in Riverside cemetery at Marshalltown. A short funeral service was held earlier in the day at the Gifford apartment at the Monroe hotel here. Members of the local Masonic order assisted at both services, with Prof. J. W. Gannaway conducting the burial service, and delivering the funeral oration. Rev. Robert Inglis was in charge of the services at Grinnell, offering prayer and reading from the Scriptures.

Pall bearers for the service were A. M. Burton, J. W. Rehder, Floyd Hatcher, C. K. Needham, Homer Lowrey and F. F. Clindinin.

Mr. Gannaway talked informally at the funeral here, speaking of Mr. Gifford as a lodge member and friend. Mr. Gannaway said that he found him at all times considerate and friendly; found him a man of personal integrity, and true to his standards of conduct and ethics. He spoke of Mr. Gifford as a man of natural dignity and poise, a man with a sane sort of optimism and calmness which he retained until the last moments of his life.

Attending the service here from out of town were Mrs. Grace Burke of Chicago, a sister of Mrs. Gifford; and Mrs. Alma Weber of Knoxville and Mrs. Stake of Williamsburg, both close friends of Mr. Gifford. Many other out of town friends and relatives attended the service at Marshalltown.

Frank H. Gifford was born on his father's farm near South Royalton, Vermont, March 31, 1850. He never lost his love for his early home, and enjoyed much his first auto trip back east, when he went over the grounds of his birthplace. The old farm home is still owned by a member of his family.

Mr. Gifford was married in 1884 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Miss Phoebe Estelle Capron, only daughter of Mrs. M. G. Capron, who built the New Monroe hotel here. To this couple was born one daughter, Bernice, who died April 1, 1933. Mr. Gifford is survived by his widow, two grandchildren, Gertrude and Gifford Hiser of Chicago; two nephews, Ernest Burke of White River Junction, Vermont, and Laurence Burke of Royalton, Vermont; and two nieces, Mrs. Charles Crandall of Randolph, Vermont, and Mrs. Wills Porter of Sharon, Vermont.

With the wife of his youth, Mr. Gifford spent many years in Grinnell, where Mrs. Gifford was associated with her mother in the hotel business, for a time being manager of the old Chapin House at the station, while Mrs. Capron was conducting the business of the new hotel. Then for a time they resided in Marshalltown, returning to Grinnell in 1913 to take charge of the hotel business here at the time of the death of Mrs. Capron.

In order to enlarge and improve the hotel, as well as to build for himself a comfortable and commodious home, Mr. Gifford bought the lot north of the Monroe-Gifford and at great personal expense built a three story addition, including a two story apartment with private entrance, containing

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all the niceties and comforts of a modern residence. It was in this apartment that Mr. Gifford spent his declining years.

In 1917 the hotel was sold to Weeden Bros., and for a time Mr. and Mrs. Gifford resided in Chicago. In 1920 they returned to Grinnell, purchased the Dr. E. E. Harris residence in east Grinnell, where they continued to reside until Mrs. Gifford's death on May 12, 1920.

On May 12, 1921 Mr. Gifford was married to Elizabeth E. Gay of Marshalltown at the home of Dr. E. W. Cross in Grinnell, and since that time he and Mrs. Gifford, who survives him, have lived in Grinnell, first at the residence and later at the Monroe-Gifford apartment, enjoying a wonderful companionship to the end. Mrs. Gifford has been most devoted and solicitous and Mr. Gifford's appreciation of her devotion knew no bounds.

Mr. Gifford was a member of the local Masonic order, a member of Consistory No. 1, Texas, 32nd Degree Scottish Rite, also a member of the Elks lodge and Knights Templar organization.