

Thursday, December 24, 1959

Geo. Goughnour Succumbs Tuesday

Funeral services for George E. Goughnour, 96, Grinnell, who died Tuesday morning, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from the Church of the Brethren in Elkhart.

Officiating will be the Rev. W. Ethmer Erisman. Interment will be in the Brethren cemetery at Elkhart. Arrangements are being handled by the James-Schalinske Funeral Home.

The son of Samuel M. and Delilah A. Brown Goughnour, he was born on Nov. 7, 1863, at Libertyville. He moved to Polk county with his parents in 1867 where he grew to manhood on a prairie farm improved by his father. At the age of 20 he passed the county examination and taught country schools for three years.

Mr. Goughnour united with the Brethren church and served as deacon on the Old Folks Home board for 25 years and also with the district board of administration for 25 years. He taught Sunday school and Bible class for more than 40 years.

On April 4, 1889, he was united in marriage with Annie Reitz and to this union two children were born, Roy E. of Grinnell and Fay T. of Des Moines.

Mr. Goughnour spent most of his life in the mercantile business, operating stores in Maxwell and Ankeny from 1889 to 1930. He was the last surviving founder of the Grocers Wholesale Co. of Des Moines.

For the past eight years, Mr. and Mrs. Goughnour have made their home with their son Roy in Grinnell.

Besides his wife and two sons, Mr. Goughnour is survived by his brother, J. H. Goughnour of Union City, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and three sisters.