

A. C. Harriman Rests In Hazelwood Cemetery

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Useful Public Official And Citizen Ends Long And Useful Life.

A. C. Harriman, one of Grinnell's earliest settlers was born at Bangor, Maine, December 5, 1852. His father was a contractor and builder and moved soon after his marriage to Searsport, Maine. In 1856, he came to Grinnell and was one of the good sized colony of Grinnell people who came here from Searsport and who left their impress upon the town by their model home making and hard working habits. Two years later in 1858 Mrs. Harriman and her boy, Augustus C. joined the husband and father in Grinnell. The father continued here the work of contracting and building which he followed at his Maine home and as the son grew to manhood he joined with him in the work. The mother, Mrs. Harriman died in 1890 and the father in 1906.

Augustus C. was a member of the first graduating class in the Grinnell High School under Superintendent Valentine, a man loved and honored by all the young people who attended the high school during his time here. Mr. Harriman was engaged in contracting and building and for a number of years with his father he conducted a planing mill in this city. He served later 12 years in the mercantile business until he sold out. In 1907 he was elected city clerk succeeding his brother-in-law Willis Davis. He continued as city clerk until 1923 when he voluntarily resigned.

Mr. Harriman served six years on the school board in the 90's and serv-

ed also on the City Council in the first decade in this century. In all his public life his judgment was respected and his integrity was unquestioned. No more faithful official has ever served the city of Grinnell. In 1874 Mr. Harriman was united in marriage with Miss Kate M. Davis, a woman of rare taste and industry and for 54 years they traveled life's journey together in peaceful happiness, thrifty and industrious, with an extreme love for the better things in life. Three children survive him, Mrs. Jessie Schuyler of this city, Rebecca P. Earhart of Des Moines and Prof. Raymond H. Harriman who occupies a position in Leland Stanford University.

The funeral service was conducted at 4:30 o'clock Thursday at the late home attended by a very large circle of friends. The service was short. A brief talk was given by Rev. H. C. Rice, his pastor, a prayer by Mr. Rice and a song by a male quartet consisting of D. E. Peck, Cecil Myers, H. C. Rice and Fred Morrison. Bearers were ex-mayor J. L. McIlrath, George Kelley, Dr. E. B. Wiley, F. P. Marvin, A. B. Manson and W. G. Ray.

The city office and the business houses of Grinnell were closed during the service as a mark of respect to a man who had given his life to the betterment of Grinnell and had been many years in three capacities an honored and trusted city and school official.

United Store H. B. Slater

A. C. Harriman Early Timer

After a life of seventy years in Grinnell, A. C. Harriman passed away at five o'clock this morning. Mr. Harriman was one of the oldest of all the settlers who came here in the very earliest days. He was identified with its schools and private interests and knew the town better perhaps than any other person now living. He was one of the first graduates of the high school in 1869 and for many years followed the pursuit of a carpenter and practical machinist.

He was interested in sports and took an active part in the early athletic interests of the community. His whole life has been one of quiet, honorable living and his example of integrity and activity may be followed with profit by any young man who wishes to leave the record of a useful and worthy life.

Perhaps no one who has lived in Grinnell has shown a better spirit of true manliness and uprightness than Mr. Harriman. Absolutely without guile he spoke evil of no one. His life was helpful and his years have been the limit of what is usually allotted to man.

He served many years as city clerk with efficiency and left the office only because he felt that his growing age made it necessary for him to give up this work.

All the old timers will remember him with deep affection and recall the active and useful life of a man who did more than his part to make Grinnell clean and beautiful.

Mr. Harriman served both on the Council and on the School Board and no one's judgment was ever held in higher esteem in this town. Sound, practical, and earnest he gave to all his duties a character and a willingness which carried force and weight with it.

There survive him his loving wife, two daughters and one son to bear testimony to his love of education and home.

The funeral services will be held at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home conducted by Rev. H. C. Rice.

A. C. Harriman, Pioneer

Resident of Grinnell Is

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Dead At Ripe Age of 75

A. C. Harriman, for more than 70 years a resident of Grinnell, died at his home at 703 First avenue at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, his death removing from the city and county one of its best known and most highly esteemed citizens.

A man of sterling character, Mr. Harriman held the confidence of all and was honored by his fellow citizens with many public offices. He served for many years as city clerk giving up the duties of this office only because of advancing years. During his tenor of office his duties were always faithfully attended to.

He also served for years on the Board of Education and City Council, and his advice was always sought when perplexing problems came up for consideration. His life occupation was that of carpenter and machinist, but he gave untiringly of his time and efforts in the promotion of all worthy community enterprises.

He always made it a rule of his life that if he could not speak good of his fellow-man he would not speak of them at all. It was this combined with his other splendid traits of character which enthroned him in the hearts of all who knew him.

A. C. Harriman was born in Bangor, Maine, December 5, 1852. At the age of 5 years he came with his parents to Grinnell, where he has made his home ever since. He died September 11, 1928, at his home at 703 First avenue, Grinnell, at the age of 75 years, 9 months and 6 days.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. Jessie Schnyder of Grinnell; Raymond Harriman of Leland Stanford University; and Mrs. George Earhart of Des Moines; and three grandchildren, Clare Schnyder of Grinnell; Jack Harriman of California, and George Earhart of Des Moines.

Funeral services were held at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon from the home, Rev. H. C. Rice, pastor of the Baptist church officiating. Music was furnished by a male quartet consisting of Dave Peck, Cecil Myers, H. C. Rice and George Morrison. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery. The stores closed in his honor from 3:30 to 5 o'clock.