

# I. M. Harrington Lived Here Nearly 70 Years

## Family Moved Near Grinnell When He was 11 Years Old.

Iram Martin Harrington, member of a pioneer Iowa family and himself identified with the farm, school, and business life of the Grinnell community for nearly 70 years, was born in Williamstown, Vermont, March 29, 1861.

As a boy of seven he came with his parents to a farm in Illinois. After a year there and brief residences in Adair and Delaware counties in Iowa—which the family reached by covered wagon—he came to Grinnell in 1872, when his parents bought a farm on the unfenced prairie five miles southeast of town, where the family lived for eight years.

### Attended Academy

Having completed his schooling at Grinnell Academy, Mr. Harrington taught school for a year in Malcom township. Thereafter for 11 years he farmed in partnership with his father and brother, Allison, the farm three miles north of Grinnell which had been purchased by his father and to which the family had moved.

Mr. Harrington became identified with the business community of Grinnell in 1893, acting as sales representative in the northwest states for the Spaulding Manufacturing Co., then making buggies here.

Burial was in the family lot at Hazelwood cemetery. Pall bearers were Carl Child, Ira Goodrich, Charles Hanson, A. R. Longnecker, C. L. McNally and Croft L. Pilgrim.

### Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Harrington and Guy Harrington wish to express their appreciation and thank, to the many friends and neighbors who so freely came forward with their help and sympathy.

### Operated China Hall

After two years in that capacity he, with George H. Brown, purchased the China Hall which they operated in partnership on Fourth Avenue for 23 years. Though the partners sold their business with the intention of retiring, Mr. Harrington kept in active touch with the merchants and their customers.

He helped at one time or another in the stores of A. R. Longnecker, Wm. Moyle, Swisher Bros., McMurray Bros., A. R. Ross, V. G. Preston and several others, and was a familiar figure in the business district almost to the time of his death.

He was married on May 9, 1894, to Alberta E. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Westfield, who survives him.

### Congregationalist

Mr. Harrington had been a member of the Congregational church since 1903 and was an active member of the men's club of that church from its founding until the time of his death, having attended the October meeting.

Throughout the years he evidenced his interest in community projects by always standing ready to make his quiet contribution, and in recent years looked forward particularly to doing his part in the preparation of the Christmas baskets for the Good-fellows.

### Survivors

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Guy M., of Muskegon, Mich.; by two granddaughters, Ann and Kay Harrington; and by two sisters — Mrs. William Allison of Winfield, Kan., and Mrs. Lewis A. Hopkins of Tacoma, Wash.

Funeral services were Tuesday from the James Funeral Home, with Rev. Leland Mann of the Congregational church in charge.