

Services For S. H. Herrick

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Funeral of Early Grinnell College
Graduate and Pioneer Busi-
ness Man This Morning.

IN HERRICK CHAPEL,
WHICH BEARS HIS NAME

President J. S. Nollen Conducts
Service—Rev E. M. Vittum
Pays Tribute.

Simple but impressive funeral services for the late Stephen H. Herrick, loyal alumnus and staunch friend of Grinnell College and pioneer business man of Grinnell were held at 11 o'clock this morning from Herrick Chapel, which bears his name and in the construction of which he was instrumental. It was entirely fitting that the last farewells to a good man should be spoken on the campus of the college which he served for many years as a trustee and in whose welfare he always took an active and constructive interest.

Professor H. W. Matlack was at the organ and played softly as the audience assembled. President J. S. Nollen presided and read from the Scriptures, following which Rev. E. M. Vittum, Mr. Herrick's former pastor in the Congregational church of Grinnell, spoke a few words of earnest tribute.

Following prayer by President Nollen the funeral cortege moved to Hazelwood cemetery where the body was laid to rest in the Herrick family lot.

Honorary pall bearers were Senator H. W. Spaulding, Hon. W. G. Ray, G. H. Hamlin, Professor H. W. Norris, S. J. Pooley, R. Y. Kerr and G. H. Hamlin. Six college students carried the casket.

Mr. Herrick's son, S. L. Herrick, and wife, of Riverside, Calif., and his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Lane, of Santa Cruz, Calif., left immediately after the ceremony on their return journey.

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GRINNELL HERALD, GRINNELL, IOWA, FRIDAY

A Tribute To Henders'n Herrick

(By W. G. Ray)

There are still a few of the older citizens living in Grinnell who felt a pang of sorrow when word came over the wire Tuesday morning that S. H. Herrick known here as Henderson Herrick had died at his home that morning. He was 92 years old. Mr. Herrick's activities were so closely identified with Grinnell from 1857 for about thirty years, that to many of us it seemed as if he was still a resident of this city.

He graduated from Grinnell college with the class of 1865, the last one of that interesting class to pass away. He has always been in good health and was able to make his last trip to Grinnell overland in a car driven by his son, Leonard. His father, Rev. S. L. Herrick, was a native of Vermont. He studied for the ministry and preached for twenty-five years at Crown Point, New York. He came to Grinnell with the settlers of 1857, and was one of several members of the family who made their home here.

His son, S. H. Herrick, or Henderson, as he was known here, came at the same time. He joined the 46th infantry Iowa Volunteers and served for five months in the army in the company of which Prof. L. F. Parker was captain. He left his college class with a group of other young men who entered the Civil war at the same time from this locality. After

graduation he entered business and conducted a hardware store for about thirty years on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Broad Street. He was eminently successful in business and was active in every good work that had become a part of Grinnell. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church, active in the social life of the town and useful in every good work which the town promoted.

I do not know the year which he left here but it was about 1886 or 1887 that he went to California and became interested in fruit farming at Riverside and accumulated the means which later made it possible for him to make a donation of Herrick chapel to the college and join in other benevolences in this town and elsewhere.

He has visited Grinnell several times since moving to California and on his last trip here he and Mrs. R. M. Haines held several reunions of the class of '65. It was my pleasure to have several visits with him at that time in which we talked over the old days which he knew so well and it was my pleasure to go with him to the Kiwanis club where he told of the early boyhood days when he fished in the creek running from Sanders pond down across the Chester road and so on till they came to Sugar Creek. He remembered those old days with wonderful accuracy.

This notice of his death is not intended to be an obituary. It is just a brief tribute of a man who

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knew him in his younger days when he was active in town, college and business life. He was a man among men, friendly to all because he had a deep sympathy for human life, and his intent was to do his duty to his God and to his fellow men.

Funeral services were held Thursday at Riverside.

Life Of S. H. Herrick

1839-1934

Was Born in 1839 and Died Jan.
16, 1934, at Advanced Age
of 94 Years

PROMINENT IN TWO CITIES,
GRINNELL, RIVERSIDE, CAL.

Body Will Be Brought to Grinnell
for Burial Beside the Body
of His Wife

(From The Riverside Daily Press,
January 16, 1934)

Stephen Henderson Herrick, prominent Riverside banker and for half a century active in the civic and business life of the city, passed away at 4:45 o'clock Jan. 16, at the family home, at the age of 94 years, after an illness of only a week.

He leaves a son, S. L. Herrick, of this city, a daughter, Mrs. J. Lansing Lane, of Santa Cruz, and three grandchildren, Mrs. Elisabeth Garrison and Derick Lane, of Santa Cruz, and Stuart H. Herrick, of Riverside.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Francis C. Ellis, pastor, and Dr. T. C. Hunt and Dr. Horace Porter, former pastors of the church, of which Mr. Herrick was a member and official throughout the years of his residence here.

The body lay in state between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, when the casket was sealed. Interment will be in Grinnell, Iowa, beside the body of his wife, who passed away here 11 years ago.

Mr. Herrick was at his desk in the Security Savings bank, with which he had been affiliated since its organization in 1907, and of which he was first president, until the close of business on Tuesday,

Jan. 9. On that date he attended the annual meeting of the Riverside-Highland Water company, of which he was president. In the evening he participated in the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens National bank, of which he was one of the organizers in 1903 and which he served as its first president. He was re-elected a member of the board of directors and to the office of vice-president at the meeting.

On returning to his home from the evening meeting, Mr. Herrick suffered a heart attack. He lapsed into unconsciousness yesterday and passed away peacefully this morning.

Mr. Herrick was born in Crown Point, New York, June 24, 1839. He was married Sept. 3, 1869, to Miss Harriet E. Fellows. Mr. Herrick's remarkable business career in Riverside began with his arrival in 1883. He became associated with others in the organization of the East Riverside Land company. His chief associates were Ex-governor Merrill of Iowa, Col. S. F. Cooper, former U. S. consul at Glasgow, Senator Delos Arnold of Iowa and A. J. Twogood, Riverside pioneer.

With these men he purchased several thousand acres of mesa land east and north of Riverside from the Southern Pacific company, for development purposes. This was subdivided, East Riverside, now Highgrove, being platted. In this development he and his associates worked in cooperation with Matthew Gage to the end that the Gage canal would serve the East Riverside tract. Mr. Herrick remained president of the company, which was dissolved in 1915, for several years.

Under the Gage canal system he planted the first orange trees, at Blaine street and Iowa avenue,

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and continued his planting over several large tracts, retaining a large share of the property for many years. In all, he owned and developed about 400 acres north and east of the city.

With his son, S. L. Herrick, for many years secretary of the East Riverside Water company, Mr. Herrick managed the Herrick Estates, Incorporated, serving as president. It was organized for the purpose of coordinating the various interests of the family. He also served for a time as president of the Lemon Heights company, which owned 180 acres of citrus above the Gage canal and for which the company developed water. He was the owner of considerable acreage at one time in

the West Riverside, Corona and Rialto districts.

At the World's fair in Chicago in 1893 he had charge of the exhibit of Griffin & Skelley, the firm which later manufactured the famous Del Monte brand of food products. Following his work at Chicago Mr. Herrick remained east for a period of four years, serving as one of the managing directors of the Grinnell, Ia., Savings bank, of which he was president before coming to California.

In the early development of Riverside Mr. Herrick was associated with others in the program of street tree development, a feature which helped to establish the fame of the city. The board of trustees on Jan. 12, 1897, appointed him a member of a committee to have charge of a street tree program, the other members being such well-known pioneers as A. S. White, J. H. Reed, Priestley Hall, E. W. Holmes, R. L. Bettner and William Irving.

Mr. Herrick became best known to more recent settlers of Riverside through his banking connections. In 1903 he was one of the organizers of the Citizens bank, of which he was elected president. In 1904 this bank took over the Orange Growers bank, which soon became a national bank with enlarged capital. He served as its first president. In 1916, when the First National Bank of Riverside was taken over by the Citizens and the Riverside Savings bank was absorbed by the Security Savings bank, Mr. Herrick resigned the presidency of the Citizens National to accept the chairmanship of the savings institution, which position he filled up to the time of his death. He continued to serve on the board of directors of the Citizens bank, acting as vice-president.

He was also president of the East Riverside Water company, of the Riverside Highland Water company and of the Monte Vista Fruit association, holding these positions up to the time of his passing.

Mr. Herrick was always interested in education. He was reared and educated in Iowa, receiving his A.B. degree from Grinnell college in 1865. He was the son of a Congregational minister, and spent two years in the study of theology and law. His alma mater elected him to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. In 1883, after the buildings of Grinnell college had been destroyed by a cyclone, he spent several months in California in raising a fund to help restore the institution.

Mr. Herrick was a member of Riverside post No. 79, G.A.R. He enlisted in the Civil war as a private in the 46th regiment of Iowa volunteer infantry.

He early entered the political arena. At the age of 21 he was elected a delegate to the Iowa state Republican convention, later serving as mayor of Grinnell. He was also a member of the Republican Central committee of Riverside county, and also represented his party in the California state convention.

Edward Hagen, manager of the Monte Vista Citrus association, when informed of the death of Mr. Herrick, made the following statement:

"In the death of S. H. Herrick the city has lost a splendid citizen. Our association has lost a superb leader. The memory of his many courtesies, his sense of humor, his keen judgment and his humanitarian efforts in behalf of all his associates will forever be an inspiration and guide to those who knew him. Mr. Herrick never sought material wealth for himself. Rather did he give liberally of his time and effort to assist others in their material and spiritual welfare. Service to his fellowmen was always paramount. Mr. Herrick lived to the ripe old age of 94. To the very last he enjoyed an active life, full of kindness and geniality. Fitting indeed are the oft quoted lines:

"A graceful and honorable old age is the childhood of immortality."

D. A. R. Honors Mrs. S. H. Herrick

The Grinnell chapter D. A. R. held a service Memorial Day at Hazelwood cemetery dedicating the bronze marker sent by Rubidoux chapter for the grave of Mrs. S. H. Herrick.

The Regent, Miss Nelle Holloway, read a brief obituary, and the retiring regent, Mrs. E. S. Evans, read a passage from the D. A. R. ritual.

Harriet Elizabeth Fellows-Herrick was born Nov. 4, 1841 in Princeton, Illinois, the daughter of Ephraim and Alice Fellows, and the granddaughter of Joseph Fellows, a soldier of the Revolutionary War and in action at the battles of Brandywine, Yorktown and other notable engagements.

She received her education in the public schools and at Lombard University, Galesburg, Illinois, and decided on teaching as a profession. After several years of successful work in Illinois, she was called to Grinnell, Iowa, as Principal of Public Schools, where she remained until her marriage to Stephen H. Herrick in 1867. In 1886 she went with her husband to California, returning in 1892 and remaining at Grinnell for four years, returning to Riverside, California, where she passed away in 1922.

She was a woman of unusual ability, active and beloved in her work in the civic and church affairs, honored as the head of state-wide organizations, while her fluent diction and commanding poise made her a favorite speaker at the many public functions to which she was invited. She was an honored member of Rubidoux Chapter D. A. R., Riverside, California and one of the few real granddaughters left in the organization.

MRS. S. H. HERRICK

The following obituary notice of Mrs. S. H. Herrick appeared in the Riverside, California, Daily Press of Dec. 2: 1922, (Nov 8)

Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Fellows Herrick, wife of S. H. Herrick, of the Citizens National and Security Savings bank, passed from this life yesterday morning, Friday, December 1, at the family residence, 512 Fourteenth street. Mrs. Herrick had been in failing health for several years, but not until six weeks ago was she prostrated and unable to be about her household duties. For 35 years this good woman has been one of Riverside's active, formative influences in its religious and social life. A devoted wife and mother, Mrs. Herrick has also been unceasing in her endeavors to extend the kingdom of God, by her loyal services in the First Congregational church of Riverside, and through this church, she has done much in behalf of world wide missions, schools and colleges.

Mrs. Herrick was of pure New England ancestry, and one of the few remaining real granddaughters of Revolutionary heroes. She was the granddaughter of Joseph Fellows of Haverhill, Mass., who fought at Bunker Hill, White Plains, Brandywine and other revolutionary battles. Mrs. Herrick was a member of the Rubidoux chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1837 her father, Ephraim Fellows, removed from New Hampshire to Princeton, Illinois, where his daughter Harriet was born. From girlhood Mrs. Herrick had trained herself to be a teacher. She was principal of the public schools of Grinnell, Iowa, the seat of Grinnell College for some years and there met and married a young business man of Grinnell, S. H. Herrick. Mrs. Herrick made her home in Grinnell, as always in Riverside, a center of educational and religious influence, and of delightful social life.

Coming to Riverside in 1886 with her husband, who had acquired interests in undeveloped lands in the little pioneer town, Mrs. Herrick was truly one of our pioneer women, one of the makers of the Riverside of today. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at the old home in Riverside, September 3, 1917, when hosts of

friends gathered to congratulate them, and when a unique service of reaffirmation of the marriage vows of fifty years before, was made by the hosts of the evening.

Three children blessed this happy union, Lida, now Mrs. J. Lansing Lane of Santa Cruz; Harriet, who died in infancy; and S. Leonard of Riverside. There are three grandchildren, Derick Lane of San Francisco; Elizabeth Lane of Santa Cruz and Stuart Herrick now of Chicago. Harvey Fellows, of Deadwood, South Dakota, Mrs. Louise C. Babcock of Riverside, and Mrs. Fannie I. De Kay of Arlington, Texas, are the surviving brother and sisters of Mrs. Herrick.

Funeral services will be held in the First Congregational church on Monday afternoon, December 4, at 2 o'clock. The pastor, Dr. John Gardner will officiate, assisted by the two former pastors, Rev. T. C. Hunt and Dr. Horace Porter.