

OBITUARY.

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George Edward James.

George Edward James was born in Pittsfield, New Hampshire, January 9, 1851. He was one of a family of eight brothers and sisters, of whom one brother and one sister survive him. He was left without the help of his parents by their death in his childhood, and was thus thrown upon his own resources at an early age. Thus the sturdy self-reliance which always characterized him was developed. Those who knew him best say that all that he ever gained and accomplished was absolutely the result of his own exertions; that he never had help or seemed to want it. In his early manhood he came west, and June 24, 1880, at Hodgeman, Kansas, was married to Miss Emma Knight, a native of Hanover, New Hampshire, with whom he had formed relations of mutual affection in their native state.

Their first home was in Chester, Iowa, where an older brother of Mr. James was then living. In 1881 he came to Grinnell, and began his long service in connection with the Grange store, then and for many years after on Broad Street, in the building now occupied by C. A. Blair. After the Grange store was closed Mr. James continued in the grocery business at or near the same locality, for a short time in his own name, but more generally in connection with other firms, for the most of his life. He is thus one of the best known persons in that line of business in Grinnell. For thirty-six years he has been doing faithful and efficient service in this honorable and useful position. He was a man who was in demand when good and absolutely trustworthy service was needed. The testimony of his associates and friends, and his associates were always his friends, is unanimous as to his integrity and efficiency.

Two daughters, Mildred and Helen were born to Mr. and Mrs. James during these years in Grinnell. Mildred was married to Mr. Frank Clindinin and their little boy, James Knight Clindinin, carries on into the future the names of Grandfather and Grand mother. We may confidently hope that he will also carry on into the future the best in their characters and lives.

Mr. James, for about a year past, had suffered with quiet patience and manly endurance a very painful sickness. Release and rest came to him July 20, 1917. A large company of friends and neighbors gathered at the home on Fourth Avenue, Sunday afternoon, July 22, where the services were conducted by Professor Charles Noble. The burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery under charge of the local lodge of Masons of which Mr. James was a member.

Music was furnished at the home by a quartet consisting of David Peck, Paul Proctor, Oscar Mathews, Arthur Kaleson; acting as pall bearers were A. C. Norris, J. L. Whelan, D. A. Hopkins, S. J. Pooley, W. T. Moyle, J. C. Goodrich.