

Henry Jentzen Passes Away

Funeral Services Will Be Held
Thursday Afternoon for Well
Known Grinnell Man

(By W. G. RAY)

Henry Jentzen has gone. His mother, Isabella Hardie, came to this country from Glasgow, Scotland, by way of New Orleans and up the Mississippi to Davenport in May, 1849. His brother, David Hardie, came two years before. About 1860 she was married to a man named Wright and they settled in Cedar Falls and kept a grocery store when the town was small. When Henry was two and one-half years old she was married again to Henry Jentzen at Toledo, May 18, 1865, and they settled on a farm near Gladbrook in Tama county. His grandfather, David Hardie, was an eminent scholar and a graduate of the seminary at Kamburg and lived in Glasgow under the preaching of Dr. Wardlaw.

After living a short time near Gladbrook they came in the fall of 1872 to Grinnell. Here the mother died in 1894.

Since 1872 Henry Jentzen has been well known in Grinnell, first as a boy in the public school where he graduated in 1882 from high school and took part in all natural sports, and was always considered a clean and attractive student.

I have known Mr. Jentzen many years. He was an earnest student, kind and courteous to others, and the type of a Christian gentleman.

He once said when he was a boy his father gave him a hard blow on top of his head which made him seem queer at times.

He enjoyed sports like other boys and at the time he graduated from high school he became pitcher on the high school ball team and I remember one game he missed with the high school at

After his mother died Hon. R. M. Haines was appointed his guardian but this was a position which he did not want and after a short time he resigned and Frank Stansberry of Gilman was appointed in his place. For the last few years C. M. Manly has been his guardian and has had charge of the large acreage which Henry Jentzen held in his own name on the road north of Gladbrook.

At one time he went to Glasgow to visit his relatives but while there became violent and was returned to Grinnell where he has always been considered a quiet and helpful citizen.

Henry had few close friends, although he retained a warm admiration for many who spent their school days with him in the Grinnell high school, and was a frequent giver of little gifts to them. For many years he had a group of three or four friends to whom he sent The Grinnell Herald regularly as long as they lived. Some of these were friends of his school days and some were people whom he had learned to appreciate in his later life.

During the last 35 years or more I have been in fairly close touch with Mr. Jentzen. He appreciated a smile and a generous word and never failed to return both with a full recognition of all courtesies extended him.

I had known him many years and knew of his trials and his kind disposition and have always felt that he was a high type of Christian gentleman. He never spoke unkindly of anyone and always enjoyed his friends. He was careful in his habits, abstemious in his expenses and spent little money on himself but he did give to help friends. He was in The Herald office only a day or two before he was taken seriously ill.

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He had a room in the former electric light building on Commercial street where he spent his days. The disease that took him away was peritonitis and he was sick about a week.

Mr. Jentzen is survived by two cousins, J. R. Hardie of Blacksville, Kansas, and Thomas Hardie of Kingsley, Ia. Both will be present at the funeral which will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. Robert Ingals. Interment will be in Greenwood where his mother is also buried.

WELL KNOWN GRINNELL MAN DIED SUNDAY

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Henry Jentzen Passed
Away Sunday Morn-
ing at the Age of 71.

Henry Jentzen, passed away very suddenly at the home of Mrs. George Spooner, 1409 Broad street, Sunday morning, January 14, at the age of seventy-one years, two months and seven days. Mr. Jentzen had been ill only a week, suffering from ulcers of the stomach. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at two o'clock from the Congregational church with Rev. Robert Ingals officiating.

Mr. Jentzen was born in Davenport, Iowa, November 7, 1862. In 1878 he moved to Grinnell and has made his home here ever since. He graduated from the Grinnell High school in 1882 and for the next few years attended Grinnell college. He is survived by several cousins in Sioux City and another cousin, J. R. Hardie, who lives in Kansas.

Mr. Jentzen was a kindly man. He was always good to those who were good to him. He enjoyed talking about things that happened in the past and was well posted on current events.

Attorney Charles Manly has been supervising his comfort and financial interests during the past two years, Mr. Jentzen being a very wealthy man. Mr. Manly was always kind and considerate to Mr. Jentzen and during the past few years entertained him in his home, and saw to it each day that Henry was thoroughly comfortable. People of Grinnell will miss Mr. Jentzen for he was a kindly soul and loved to mingle with his fellow townsmen.