

## JUDGE LYMAN DIES

End Of A Long, Useful And Fruitful  
Life Came Last  
Friday.

BURIAL WAS SUNDAY  
IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

Judge Lyman Was A College Graduate In '67—One Of Builders Of  
Grinnell.

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There was little surprise, but deep regret, when the word was flashed over the wires Saturday morning of the death of Judge J. P. Lyman in Hollywood, Calif., where he had spent the last few months of his long and useful life. Judge Lyman was 79 years old the 14th of last February. For some time he has been failing in health and for the past few weeks it has been evident that life's span was drawing to a close.

His death marks the passing of one of those who have linked the new Grinnell with the old. He was one of the oldest living graduates of the college, having received his diploma in 1867. During many years as a lawyer and as judge of the Superior Court of Grinnell he impressed his personality upon the growing community and his influence has been constructive for good.

Funeral services were held Sunday and interment was made in Hollywood.

In the "History of Poweshiek County", published in 1911, appears an article on the life of Judge Lyman, written by his long time friend and college teacher, Professor L. F. Parker. The appended sketch of Judge Lyman's life is taken from this biography and most of it appears in Professor Parker's own words.

Judge J. P. Lyman, who for many years previous was regarded as one of the ablest and most distinguished representatives of the bar of central Iowa, was born in Arcade, Wyoming County, New York, on the 14th of February, 1844, a son of Ralston W. and Harriet N. (Tracy) Lyman, both of whom were natives of New England. Their marriage, however, occurred in the Empire state, to which they had removed during the period of youth. On reaching manhood Ralston W. Lyman became identified with mercantile interests to which he gave his attention throughout the years of his active business life, being at different times located in the towns of Friendship, Castile, Arcade and York-

1900, when he had reached an advanced age. The mother passed away there some years prior to her husband's death.

Judge Lyman was reared at home, acquiring his education in the public schools of Arcade and in the academy of that place. The west seemed to offer better opportunities to young men than could be found in the older and more conservative east, and in 1860 he and his brother, Robert R. Lyman, made their way to Poweshiek county, Iowa where their uncle Alonzo Steel, had acquired some land. It was the intention of the

brothers to locate upon this tract and engage in its cultivation, but J. P. Lyman did not remain on the farm with his brother after the summer had passed, coming to Grinnell in the fall and here continuing his education under Professor L. F. Parker. In 1863 he entered Iowa College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1867. During his college course he taught school through the vacations and following his graduation continued in the profession of teaching for three years. It was his intention at that time to take up the practice of medicine and in fact while engaged in teaching he gave much time to the reading of medical text-books in his leisure hours. Changing his plans, however, he entered the law department of the Iowa State University at Iowa City, in 1870, and was graduated with the class of 1871. Following his admission to the bar he returned to Grinnell where he formed a partnership with R. M. Haines, with whom he was associated in active practice under the style of Haines & Lyman until the death of the senior member of the firm in 1902. Subsequent to that time Judge Lyman continued in practice alone until after his son's graduation from Harvard, when he became a member of the firm under the style of Lyman & Lyman.

Almost from the outset of his professional career Judge Lyman was accorded a large practice for he soon demonstrated his ability to handle the intricate problems of the law. He carefully prepared his cases and his presentation was always full and comprehensive yet not to the extent of redundancy. He marshaled the facts of the case with the precision of a military commander and his clear and cogent reasoning always commanded the attention of the jury, counsel and the court. In the fall of 1908 there came to him recognition of his ability in his election to the Superior Court bench. His course upon the bench being in harmony with his record as a man and lawyer, distinguished by the utmost loyalty and by a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution.

Other official honors have come to Judge Lyman through political channels. He has always been a stalwart republican in politics and was elected upon the party ticket to the office of county attorney, which position he filled for four years. He also represented his district in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth general assemblies of the Iowa Legislature. He has served almost continuously for years in some official capacity in Grinnell, acting as city attorney, as a member of the town council, as mayor and as a member of the school board. His fidelity to his country was further manifested by his enlistment in 1864 for one hundred days' service in the Civil war with Company B, Forty-sixth Iowa Regiment, of which company Professor L. F. Parker was first lieutenant.

In October, 1873, Judge Lyman was married to Miss Elizabeth L. Little, of Grinnell, whose parents came to this city in 1867 from Kewanee, Illinois. Their only child Henry G., is now a resident of Hollywood, Calif.