

Mrs. C. E. Myers 4-3-1928 Is Buried Here

The burial of Mrs. C. E. Myers in Hazelwood yesterday completes the life story of one who for ten years spent her early married days in Grinnell.

In the spring of 1869, three families, a total of ten persons, came to Grinnell from Madrid, New York, to make this place their home. They were relatives of W. O. Willard and until the families were settled in homes of their own, they stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Willard one mile west of the city limits on the old Rock Creek road.

In this family were Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Munson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Munson; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shirland, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Myers, Miss Helen Shirland and one young son of Henry Munson. The Munsons soon settled on a farm which they purchased three miles north of town, now owned by O. T. Carlstrom, and built the house which still stands there although some improvements have been made on it since the Munsons sold it. C. E. Myers soon after coming to Grinnell formed a partnership with Sam Davis in the grain business and made a success of the business. Mr. Myers in company with C. L. Roberts and Will Harris moved to Lewis about 1879 and formed a partnership in buying and selling grain and all of them made a pretty fair sum of money. Later, Mr. Myers sold out and after living a short time in Atlantic and a short time in Des Moines, they accompanied their son, Dr. O. M. Myers, to Rock Island where they made their home.

Mr. Myers died in 1917 and was buried on the same lot in Hazelwood where stands the tombstones of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Munson and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shirland.

Mrs. Myers had been ill about three months, but during the last few days she was taken much worse and her death occurred at 10:30 o'clock Friday night, March 30. The body reached Grinnell from Rock Island on number 1 yesterday morning and the burial took place immediately with a short service by Dr. W. W. Bolt.

Relatives present at the burial were Mrs. Myers' two sons, Dr. O. M. Myers and wife of Rock Island, and Wilbur Myers of Chicago, Ill.; also Mrs. Myers' sister, Mrs. Allen Bruner of Kansas City, and a granddaughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rhoads of Des Moines.

The Rock Island Argus contained a beautiful picture of Mrs. Myers in its Saturday issue and the following obituary notice:

"Mrs. Marilla A. Myers, 79 years old, active member of the Broadway Presbyterian church and possessed of many friends, died at 11:30 o'clock last night at the home of her son, Dr. Orson M. Myers, 1900 Thirteenth avenue. She had been ailing of heart disease for the last three months. Mrs. Myers suffered an attack at 10:30 o'clock last night.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the home of Dr. Myers, with Rev. Edward Williams, pastor of Broadway Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. G. Oglevee, pastor of South Park Presbyterian church, officiating. Following the rites members of the Order of Eastern Star, Rock Island chapter, of which Mrs. Myers was an active member, will take charge. Burial will be in Grinnell, Iowa.

Mrs. Myers was Miss Marilla A. Shirland before her marriage and was born on Oct. 7, 1848, in Madrid, N. Y. In that city she was reared and educated. In 1868 she was united in marriage with Charles E. Myers, who had served three years in the Civil war. The wedding was solemnized in Potsdam, N. Y. A year later the couple moved to Grinnell, Iowa, living there and at other places until 25 years ago, when they came to Rock Island. Here Mr. Myers engaged in the wholesale coal business for a number of years. He died 11 years ago. Mrs. Myers was a charter member of the Order of Eastern Star, at Des Moines, Iowa, and when she came to Rock Island she became active in the organization here. She was also a member of the ladies' aid society of Broadway church.

Mrs. Myers is survived by two sons, Dr. Myers of this city and Wilbur M. Myers of Chicago; a sister, Mrs. A. C. Bruner of Kansas City, Mo.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren."