

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1930.

Thomas McKee Passes On

Death Comes Peacefully Sunday To
One Of Grinnell's Old And High-
ly Respected Citizens.

MR. MCKEE HAD REACHED
ADVANCED AGE OF 81 YEARS.

Funeral Services Are Conducted From
The Home Wednesday By Rev.
W. W. Bolt, D. D.

To the many friends of Thomas McKee his death Sunday evening was a shock. While suffering from a complication of diseases for a long time, he was bed-fast only a week. It was apparent to all that he was failing, but no one, not even his family, realized how short his stay was to be. The end was easy as he merely ceased to breathe.

Thomas, son of Alexander and Jane McKee, was born near Belfast, Ireland, June 24, 1848 and died at his home at 514 High street April 28, at 7:00 p. m. aged 81 years, 10 months and four days. In 1860 he came to America with an older brother, locating in New York City where he was employed for two years. Two years later his parents came to America and settled in Muscatine county where he joined them. He was the sixth child of a family of ten, seven brothers and two sisters, all of whom have preceded him in death except two brothers, Hugh and Samuel of Stuart, Iowa.

He was united in marriage with Margaret McKee on April 25, 1877 and to this union were born four children. Mr. and Mrs. McKee celebrated their golden wedding anniversary April 25, 1927. His passing is the first break in the family.

Mr. McKee was brought up in the Presbyterian church and became a member of it in his early manhood. He retained his membership in this church until he moved to Grinnell where he transferred his membership to the Congregational church.

Grinnell has been his home since March 1, 1902. The last few years he has spent the greater part of each summer on his farm where he enjoyed the quiet and out-of-doors. On his last trip to the farm, March 18, he was planning with his tenant the things he wanted to do this summer. His garden was another source of enjoyment and he always planted extra so that he might share with others.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, one son, William; three daughters, Sadie at home, Mrs. E. F. Holmes, and Mrs. Arthur H. Robison; and three grandchildren, Lois Holmes, and Carl and Orval Robison, all of Grinnell. Besides these there are numerous relatives and unnumbered friends.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. by the Rev. W. W. Bolt, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational church of this city. Pall-bearers were old friends and neighbors: Alfred Burroughs, F. L. Cass, G. C. Murray, R. H. Gray, Fred Heinle, and H. A. Jantzen. Those in attendance from a distance were Harry and Richard McKee of Stuart, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Crabaugh and daughter of Dexter, Iowa, and Miss Idell Pyle of Iowa City.