

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1914.

OBITUARY.

*Stillman Needham.*

The death last Friday of Stillman Needham removed from Grinnell a man who had lived in Grinnell and vicinity sixty years, more than two-thirds of which had been spent in active business life here. In the days of his vigor he was one of the strong, influential men of Grinnell, recognized as a man of sterling integrity, a reliable and honorable citizen, respected by all who knew and met him.

Mr. Needham was born August 20, 1831, at Wales, Mass. He became a blacksmith by trade, and for a time worked in the J. I. Case plant, then located at Springfield. In 1854 he came to Grinnell and went to work in the mill situated on Rock Creek, six or seven miles west of Grinnell. After a year or so here he located in Grinnell as a blacksmith, on the site now occupied by J. H. Skeels. While in Rock Creek he was united in marriage with Esther Ann Hiatt. To them two children were born, a son, Harry, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Dora. The daughter married George Hopkins and lived at Paton, Iowa, dying in 1889, leaving three daughters, two of whom were present at the funeral of their grandfather. Mrs. Needham died in July 1870. In 1872 Mr. Needham married Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, the mother of two sons, Frank and Fred Wells, both living in Grinnell. To this union were born Ward S. and Nina, both living in Grinnell, who with their mother survive the death of Mr. Needham.

Some years after moving to Grinnell Mr. Needham engaged in the implement business with A. A. Foster under the name of Needham & Foster. Afterwards he engaged in the grain business as a member of the firm of Bray, Needham & Robberts, Mr. Robberts later selling out. His last business experience was as a buyer and shipper of live stock which he abandoned a few years ago on account of age.

The funeral was held Monday at the home, conducted by Rev. P. F. Marston. The bearers were A. A. Foster, I. S. Bailey, V. G. Preston, W. T. Moyle, G. H. Hamlin and M. W. Swisher.