

FUNERAL OF ELIZABETH GIFFORD

NORRIS WILL BE HELD TUESDAY

Funeral services for Elizabeth Gifford Norris will be held Tuesday morning, October 23, from the Snyder chapel at 11 o'clock. Rev. E. M. Vittum will officiate. Burial will be in the family lot in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mrs. Norris, the widow of David W. Norris who was a prominent attorney in Grinnell in the early part of the century, later made her home in Marshalltown for a number of years, but for the last few years has lived with her son and with her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Cartwright, in Pasadena.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gifford Norris was a long time resident of Grinnell where her late husband practiced law from 1877 until his death in 1907. She was born in Elgin, Ill., Aug. 26, 1852, became a teacher in the public school of Tama where she met Mr. Norris, who was superintendent of the schools there at that time. They were married in Tama Dec. 23, 1874 and moved to Chicago, Ill., where they lived for one and one-half years while Mr. Norris studied law in a law office there. In 1876 they returned to the Norris homestead farm in Tama county, four miles east of Gilman, and located in Grinnell in 1877.

During her residence in Grinnell Mrs. Norris was active in women's club work and civic affairs, having been influential in interesting Joel Stewart, a friend of her husband, in a public library for Grinnell which later resulted in his donating funds for the Stewart library. As chairman of the library committee of the Iowa State Federation of Women's Clubs, she led a movement which resulted in the creation of the state library commission on which she served for 13 years.

Six children were born to her, three of them, John, Carl and Mary, dying in childhood. Those who sur-

vive are D. W. Norris, Mrs. T. C. Cartwright, formerly Lucy Elizabeth Norris, and P. G. Norris of Glenwood, Minn. John W. Norris and Paul G. Norris, Jr., of Marshalltown are numbered among 13 grandchildren who are living. She also is survived by six great grandchildren.

Of recent years Mrs. Norris had become interested in genealogy as a hobby and traced the ancestry of her family, the Giffords, back to the Norman conquest of England in 1066. Mrs. Norris was the daughter of Maj. Edmund Gifford, a paymaster in the union army during the civil war, and Lucy Sampson Gifford, both of whom died at Mrs. Norris' home in Grinnell, the former in 1882 and the latter in 1896. Through them she could trace her ancestry back to the group that came to America in the Mayflower and from there back into English history to a period prior to the Norman conquest.

Her father's family of Gifford ancestors are recorded in the Book of Heraldry or Doomsday Book of England, where it appears that Sir Randolph de Gifford, a feudal lord of Normandy, carried a flag for King William of Normandy in the conquest of England in 1066. William had promised lands in England and titles to his nobles who aided him in the conquest and after the battle of Hastings the English lords were dispossessed and their lands given to the conquerors.

Sir Randolph de Gifford was rewarded with land and a barony in Somersetshire and Cheshire. One of his descendants was Sir Stephen Gifford, one of the barons who accompanied Richard Coeur de Lion and was killed in the siege of Jerusalem.

For several hundred years the Giffords enjoyed the favor of the

English court with peerages and honors until Baron George Gifford was made Duke of Buckingham by Edward V and married the king's cousin. His son George, however, found himself on the losing side in English politics for Richard III caught him corresponding with the Earl of Richmond, who later became Henry VII and George was beheaded, losing his title and all of his lands which Henry VII then bestowed upon his son-in-law.

During the reigns of Henry VIII, Mary, Elizabeth, James I and Charles I the Giffords pressed their claims before the English parliament for the restoration of the lands and title but they always failed. Finally Walter Gifford emigrated to America, locating in Sandwich, Mass., in 1630.

It was a descendant of Walter Gifford, one Paul Gifford, who married a Sampson who was a direct descendant of the Miles Standish and John Alden families and who was Mrs. Norris' paternal grandmother. Her mother, Lucy Sampson, could also trace her descent from the Pilgrims. This family record is contained in the History of Duxbury which rests in the historical department of Iowa at Des Moines.

Brief funeral services conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum were held this morning at 11 o'clock from the Snyder Brothers chapel for Mrs. Elizabeth Gifford Norris, widow of D. W. Norris, whose death in Pasadena, Calif., was announced in Friday's Herald. Burial was in Hazelwood.

Mrs. Norris' sons, D. W. Norris of Pasadena and P. G. Norris of Glenwood, Minn., were present at the funeral. P. G. Norris was accompanied by Mrs. Norris and their three daughters, Mrs. Jane Norris Ettesvold of Glenwood, Mrs. Betty Norris Leuty of Morris, Minn., and Miss Edna Norris of St. Paul. Two grandsons, John and Paul Norris of Marshalltown and their wives, also attended the services.

Pall bearers were V. G. Preston, F. E. Spaulding, R. B. Work, Dr. P. E. Somers, D. M. Cox and E. H. Spaulding.