

# Edwin Parish, Native Here, Dies Tuesday

Jan. 13, 1966

Prominent Mason and  
Church Worker Was  
Lifelong Resident

Edwin S. Parish, native and lifelong resident of the Grinnell community, died early Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, following an illness of a few days. He was 79 years old.

Funeral services will be held Friday from the Smith Funeral Home at 2 p. m. with Rev. John DeLong officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood cemetery.

## Farmer

A farmer, Mr. Parish was born in Chester township, Dec. 24, 1875, the son of Miles Coverdale and Hannah Sparks Parish. He was married June 17, 1903, at Grinnell to Bessie Ricker. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1953.

A prominent church worker, Mr. Parish became affiliated with the Methodist church at Sonora as a youth, transferring later to Ewart and Grinnell. He had served as superintendent of the Ewart Methodist Sunday school for many years.

## 50 Year Mason

A member of Hermon Lodge, later to Ewart and Grinnell. He Parish had received a fifty-year Masonic pin. Mr. Parish had been a prominent livestock farmer in this community.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie; three daughters, Mrs. Charles D. (Virginia) Van Werdon of Winterset; Mrs. W. C. (Rachel) Jones of Moscow, Idaho; Mrs. E. M. (Gwendolen) Minton, Jr. of Manhasset, N. Y.; and three sons, Paul R. Parish of Grinnell, Edwin A. Parish of Los Gatos, Calif. and William R. Parish of Moscow, Idaho.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, five nieces and nephews; a brother, William A. Parish of Grinnell; and a sister, Mrs. Geo. P. Koebel of St. Ignace, Mont.