

Lucia E. Peirce Died On Sunday Following Stroke

Miss Lucia E. Peirce, lifelong resident of Grinnell and its vicinity, passed away at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning in the Community hospital where she had been taken Saturday morning. She was 82 years old. Death was the result of a stroke.

Miss Peirce was found unconscious on the floor of her apartment over the Thriftway store by Claude Badger, who made his way through the transom after Merle Masteller of P & M cafe, where she took her meals regularly, had become concerned by her failure to appear there as usual. As nearly as can be determined she had lain helplessly for two days and physicians estimated that she had been unconscious for at least 24 hours. The police were called and she was rushed to the hospital where everything possible was done for her.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. Leland W. Mann will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Smith funeral home with burial in the family lot in Hazelwood cemetery. Pallbearers will be Croft Pilgrims, Carl E. Child, S. L. Pooley, Dr. C. E. Harris, Professor J. D. Stoops and A. L. Frisbie.

Miss Peirce's brother, Dr. W. S. Peirce of Lima, Ohio, arrived in Grinnell Sunday morning and is in charge of arrangements.

Lucia Estella Peirce was born July 25, 1868, on the family farm southeast of Grinnell. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. C. Peirce, wellknown and prominent pioneer residents of this community. About 1892 the family moved to Grinnell to take advantage of the educational facilities offered by the college. The family home was first at 1023 West street and later in the home which stood at the present location of the Community hospital.

Miss Peirce graduated from college in 1889. She taught for a time in the Grinnell schools and later in Menominee, Wis., and Boise, Idaho. About 1900 she returned to Grinnell and has made her home here ever since.

Miss Peirce was a widely read and cultured woman, a

lover of music and good books. For a great many years she was one of the leading spirits in the Historical and Literary club, of which she had been a member since May, 1899, or 51 years. She was an active member until four years ago when she was placed on the honorary roll. She had also served the club as its president. For a long time she sang soprano in the Congregational church choir. Although her activities had been restricted by advancing age her mind was clear and vigorous until the end.

She is survived by two brothers, Austin of Austin, Texas, and Dr. William Peirce of Lima, O., and one sister, Ginevra of Concord, Calif. Two brothers, Gordon and Byron and two sisters, Mrs. Edna Philpott and Mrs. Helen Teresa Williston, preceded her in death. She is also survived by six nieces and four nephews.