

Thursday, December 17, 1964

Conduct Services Here Tuesday For Ernest O. Porter

Services were held here Tuesday morning from the Smith Funeral home for Ernest Owen Porter, 88, former Grinnell resident who died Monday at a Des Moines nursing home.

Officiating at the services was the Rev. Chester E. Custer, pastor of the Grinnell Methodist church. Organ music was provided by Mrs. Kathleen Heffner. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.

The son of Johnson and Elizabeth Porther, he was born Jan. 20th, 1876, on a farm northeast of Montezuma. After graduating from the public schools at Ewart, he spent several years assisting his father on the family farm, one mile east of Ewart.

In 1899, he joined the sales force of the International Harvester Co., thus embarking on a career of salesmanship which continued until his retirement in 1913. During this period he also represented the Douglas Starch Co., Quaker Oats of Cedar Rapids, and Iowa Southern Utilities Co. in the Grinnell and Washington districts.

On March 22nd, 1901, he was united in marriage with Rose May Cleland, daughter of William and Sarah Cleland, one of the pioneering farm families of the Ewart neighborhood. To this union was born one son, Paul Channing Porter.

In 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Porter moved to Grinnell and resided at 1116 and 1120 Summer St. for a period of 52 years. After the death of Mrs. Porter on Jan. 1st, 1950, he continued to live at the family home until 1959, when he moved to Des Moines for surgery. Subsequent years of convalescence were spent at the home of his son and for the past three years he was a patient at Grayson's nursing home in Des Moines.

Mr. Porter was a charter member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and for a period of years was active in the Masonic Lodge in Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Rose; and his only son, Paul, on Apr. 19th, 1964.

Survivors are his niece, Mrs. Alton Allely of Des Moines; and a nephew, Clair Raymond Porter of Salem, Ill.