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for Many Years

Dr. J. F. Preston, for many years a resident of Grinnell and formerly a practicing physician here, passed away Monday morning at the home on Fifth avenue, after a long period of failing health. Dr. Preston was born at East Cornwall, Conn., Jan. 25, 1849, and would have been 84 years old on his next birthday. He was admitted to the practice of medicine in 1875, when he was 26 years old.

In his youth Dr. Preston attended an academy and taught school for a time in East Cornwell. He attended Yale university and Rush Medical college. Later he received his physician's certificate from the Long Island college hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y.

He practiced first in Decorah. moving from there to Youngstown, Ohio, where he practiced for several years. From there he moved to Mason City where he was located for about ten years before moving to Grinnell in 1906, where the family home has been since. He was married first to Miss Sarah Winchell who died in Decorah when their daughter Mabel was four years old. Mabel grew to womanhood and was a student nurse in the Michael Reese hospital in Chicago when she died just a month before her graduation. Six years after the death of his first wife Dr. Preston married Emma Telford in Decorah. To this union were born five children, Ina, Randall, Ruth, Martha and Roger.

He is survived by his wife, who is now in very poor health and recently went with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Critchett, to her home in San Antonio, Texas; three daughters, Ima, Mrs. C. G. Sauerberg of Castleton-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.; Ruth, Mrs. R. V. Peebler of Fairfield, Iowa, and Martha, Mrs. Critchett, also two sons, Randail James of Detroit, Mich., and Roger L. of Shannon City, Iowa. Mrs. Peeble and Roger are here, the other children being unable to come to Grinnell at this time.

He is also survived by two brothers, Will and Lee, and a sister Ella, all of whom reside near the old homestead in East Corwall, also by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Preston of Canaan, Conn.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Snyder Brothers' chapel by Rev. Robert Inglis. Burial will be in Hazelwood.