

7-1 WILLIAM PATON RAFFETY 1902

William Paton Raffety was born Dec 16, 1836, at Petersburg, Ill., and died July 9, 1902 at his residence in Grinnell.

He came to Cascade, this state, in 1842, from which place he moved to Nodaway county, Mo., in 1872, living there until 1877, when he returned to Iowa and settled in Grinnell, which has been his home until death. Mr. Raffety was united in marriage to Jane Haddock Nov. 22, 1860, who survives her husband. Six children were born to them. Rena, George, William and Nellie have crossed the line and are at home with their Mother. Mrs. Jennie Norris of Grinnell, Mrs. Watha Kearney of Cascade, with their mother, live to mourn their loss. Of his father's family of twelve, but one, Mrs. J. W. Beatty of Cascade, is alive. It is needless to say she feels his death keenly.

God's best work is true manhood and the deceased was a splendid specimen of that. In religion his bearing was superb. In citizenship his loyalty was unexcelled. He was a most devoted husband, a true, loving father, a faithful son and brother, and a magnificent neighbor. For about 40 years he was a most consistent member of the Baptist denomination. The friends of Mr. Raffety are numbered by the hundreds and all deplore his loss.

The funeral occurs from the Grinnell Baptist church Sunday the 13th inst. at 3 p.m., Rev. Mr. Robinson officiating. The interment will be in Hazelwood cemetery.