

MADISON REW FORMER CITIZEN DIED AT AGE 95

Funeral Services Held
This Afternoon At
Three O'clock.

Madison Rew was born in Friendship, Allegany County, New York, December 25, 1837. His boyhood was spent on a farm at the place of his birth. In his late teens he removed to Carlinville, Illinois where he engaged in farming until 1865 when he went to Wayne County, Iowa. There he took up a homestead which remained in his possession until his death, April 14, 1933. In 1885 he retired from active farming and removed to Grinnell, Iowa where his children attended Grinnell College.

From 1910 on he lived in several cities either with his son Morse W. Rew or with his daughter, Laura R. Bixby with whom he came to Nashville, Tenn. in 1927. Mr. Bixby is Secretary of Charities in Nashville and holds a very responsible position.

His first marriage was to Martha W. Eldred, November 6, 1862 at Carrollton, Ill. She passed away November 3, 1876. He was remarried to Ellen O. Wooley, Greenfield, Ill., May 22, 1878. The second wife died December 29, 1918. He is survived by a daughter, Laura Rew Bixby of Nashville and a son, Morse W. Rew, superintendent of Transportation, Cleveland Railway Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Morse has many friends here in Grinnell. He attended Grinnell College. He took up engineering shortly after he left Grinnell and has held many positions of trust. He is now superintendent of the street railways in Cleveland, which are largely controlled by the Van Swearingen interests. Funeral services were held this Monday afternoon in the Snyder Bros. undertaking parlors, conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum, an old friend of the deceased. During his life in Grinnell the deceased was a prominent citizen of the community. He had many warm friends who will mourn his loss.

Madison Rew Is Buried Here

Former Wellknown Resident of
Grinnell Passed Away March
14 in Nashville, Tenn.

APR. 14, 1933

Old time residents of Grinnell mourn the passing of Madison Rew, who for many years took an active and helpful part in the affairs of this community.

Mr. Rew died in Nashville, Tenn., where since 1927 he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Laura Rew Bixby, well remembered here as a talented violinist and for several years teacher of violin in the Grinnell School of Music. Her husband is now head of the charities in Nashville. The body was brought to Grinnell for the funeral services which were held Monday afternoon in Snyder Brothers' chapel, conducted by Mr. Rew's old time friend, Rev. E. M. Vittum, who was active as pastor of the Congregational church during the years of Mr. Rew's residence in Grinnell.

Pall bearers were Professor D. F. Grass, Chas. Hanson, C. A. Blair, Professor E. B. T. Spencer, C. A. Miller and Hon. Ralph Sherman.

Burial was in Hazelwood.

Mrs. Bixby was unable to attend the funeral and the body was accompanied to Grinnell by Mr. Rew's son, Morse W. Rew, who is Superintendent of Transportation for the Cleveland Railway Co. of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Laura Denton Smith of Highland Park, Ill., a college graduate here in 1909, who lived in the Rew home during her student days, also came to attend the funeral.

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Mr. Rew was active and interested in many worthy objects during his residence in Grinnell. He was a charter member and at the time of his death was the oldest member of the Fortnightly club, and always took an active part in the deliberations of that organization of choice spirits. He was a man of active mind, a great reader and a ready writer. He was especially interested in the cause of temperance and many of his writings on that and other subjects have appeared in The Herald. While he has been away from Grinnell for many years he is well remembered by the people who knew him during his years of residence here.

It is of interest to note that Mr. Rew was born on Christmas Day and answered the call of death on Good Friday.