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Mrs. Charles Ridley 6-A
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There are many old friends in and near Grinnell who deeply regret the passing at her home in Pasadena of Mrs. Charles A. Ridley. Her death occurred Tuesday, March 12. Since the death of her husband three years ago she has been in rather poor health. Over two years ago she suffered from a stroke and since last November she has been confined to her bed.

Mrs. Ridley was the daughter of John Brown, one of Grinnell's earlier and most respected citizens. She was born in England and with her parents she emigrated to this country in 1852. They located at Kenosha, Wis., but in 1854 moved to Grinnell. Here she married Chas. A. Ridley and here the family lived until seventeen years ago. Since that time her home has been in Pasadena.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 14 at Pasadena at the home, 1079 N. Marengo ave. They were conducted by Dr. Merle N. Smith of the First Methodist church. The body was cremated and later the ashes will be brought to Grinnell and laid beside the ashes of her husband in Westfield cemetery.

Three sisters and one brother survive Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. T. E. Mercer and Mrs. C. E. Mears of Pasadena, Mrs. W. P. Sawyer of Yakima, Wash.; and J. G. Brown of Long Beach. Four children also survive her, Mrs. C. P. Colgrove, Mrs. H. E. Curnbacker, C. H. Ridley, and R. L. Ridley.

Mrs. Ridley was a woman strong in character, broad and intellectual and a natural leader. Her many friends remember her for her love of her education, her home and of the daily duties which fell to her lot. She lived an earnest and true life and leaves the heritage of a precious memory.