

An Obituary Of The Late James 6th Richard Rivers 12-24-1935

James Richard Rivers, son of John L. and Nancy Ann Ridpath Rivers, was born west of Montezuma, Poweshiek county, Iowa, on February 1, 1859, and passed away at his home at 10th and Penrose street, Grinnell, Ia., Dec. 24, 1935. He was the eldest of five brothers, Edmond, Frank, William and Jacob, all of whom, with their father and mother, have preceded him in death.

About fifteen years ago he and his wife moved to Grinnell and since the death of his wife in March 1931, he has continued his residence on East 10th avenue. He had been in good health until about a week previous to his death, which was caused by pneumonia. He was married to Sarah Elizabeth Tish on December 24, 1882. To this union were born three children, Arthur Clark, Gertrude Ione, now Mrs. J. L. Newton, and Cecil Ridpath, all of Grinnell. These with their wives and husbands, also three grandchildren, Clark Frederick Rivers, Ruth Newton Wilson and Audrey Lucille Rivers, two great grandchildren, John William and Richard Allan Wilson are left to mourn a kind and loving father and grandfather.

Mr. Rivers' parents were among the early pioneer settlers of Poweshiek county, having moved here from Indiana at an early date and they knew the hardships of pioneer life.

He and his wife united with the Christian church during their early married life and he lived true to the teaching of Christ as he believed it to be. He was a faithful attendant at church and greatly enjoyed the fellowship and work of the Sunday School. His presence as a teacher will be greatly missed.