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Death Summons
Matthew B. Smith

Mathew B. Smith was born January 21, 1871 in Scott county, Iowa, son of Amos and Julia Mathews Smith. He was the youngest of ten children, four brothers, Lewis M., Will M., Calvin C., John D., and five sisters, Charity Smith, Nancy Hyde, Lucinda Scandrett, Mary June and Lula Craven. All except Mary June and Lulu Craven have preceded him in death. Lewis M. died an accidental death just two weeks ago.

His mother passed away shortly after his birth and he lived with his father until ten years of age. At that time his father moved to California and he went to live with his brothers and sisters north of Kellogg. After graduating from Grinnell Academy and attending Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls he farmed with his uncle, Nathan Smith north of Kellogg and then moved near Grinnell to start farming for himself. In 1899 he moved to his present home where he has resided continuously.

On October 7, 1896 he was united in marriage to Susie E. Spooner. Into their home three children were born who with the faithful wife mourn his passing. They are Mrs. Francis Tone of Gilman, Iowa, Mathew Stanley and Austin B. both at home. There are three grandchildren, June Smith, Ruth and Melvin Tone. In addition to his numerous duties, "Matt" Smith, as he was generally known has served twenty-five years consecutively as secretary of Grant Township School Board. While his main interest was in his family and his home a host of neighbors and friends in Grinnell vicinity will mourn the passing of an honest, industrious and upright citizen.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the home conducted by Rev. H. S. Wilkinson. Pallbearers were L. H. Larson, W. A. Palmer, R. J. Hadley, Fred Anderson, S. A. Rasmussen and Floyd Stewart. Burial was in Hazelwood.