

OBITUARY C-14

6-4-1908
T. J. Smith

The body of T. J. Smith was brought to Grinnell on Saturday from Bowling Green, Ky., where he died while visiting his sister, and was carried to its last resting place in Hazelwood cemetery. He is deeply mourned by relatives and devoted friends.

Born on July 13, 1861, in Commerce, Tenn., Mr. Smith grew to manhood there, coming to Iowa in 1883. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Smith. His father was a minister of the Baptist church, which he joined in early youth.

On December 12, 1886, he was married in Cedar county to Miss Katherine L. Horn. About sixteen years ago they moved to a farm north of Grinnell and about six years ago came to Grinnell to make their home. Mr. Smith was engaged in the automobile business here and was very successful in it until failing health compelled his retirement in September, 1917. He went to Bowling Green to visit his sister, hoping that the change would benefit him, but on Tuesday morning, May 28, he rose with extreme difficulty and soon succumbed to paralysis.

Mr. Smith is survived by a wife and seven children, three sons and four daughters. One son, Edgar, is at home; another, Carl, is married, and in the national service and the third, Clarence, is married and lives on a farm south of town. The daughters, Gladys, Elsie, Dorothy and Evelyn are younger than the boys and are all at home. Of a family of thirteen children of which Mr. Smith was one, all are living except one sister who died in infancy. One sister, Mrs. George Horn, resides near Grinnell, and one brother in Wilton, Ia. All the others are located in Tennessee.

Mr. Smith was a good man, a useful man and a respected man. His death at 57 years of age comes as a blow to all.

The funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. J. M. Brown. Mr. Smith was an Elk and the lodge conducted the services at the grave. The pallbearers, all Elks, were Charles Edelblute, A. J. Ewart, Alvin Armstrong, John McKeag, E. J. Harris and Alex Fraser.