

10-20-1903 MICHAEL SNYDER. 1903

Michael Snyder was born in Luxemburg, Germany, Dec. 25th, 1833, and died at his home in this city, Sunday, October 18th, 1903.

He came with his parents to Iowa in 1846, locating at Cascade, Dubuque county. A year later he was left an orphan and made his way by his own unaided efforts to the front ranks of business men.

He moved to Grinnell with his family in February, 1874, and has resided here continuously since that date. Identified with every forward movement he soon made himself one of the most valuable citizens in the town of his adoption. After many years of active life, during which he left many evidences of his energy and public spirit, failing health caused his complete retirement from the business world. For more than a year he has been a helpless invalid from paralysis of the lower limbs which gradually encroached on the body, though his mind was as active as in his best days and his interest in the activities of his city and country at all times unflagging.

Those who remember Michael Snyder when he first became a citizen of Grinnell when he was connected with the G. & M. branch in a financial way and was conductor of the road, remember a very forceful, rugged character.

Mr. Snyder, during the later years of his life was owner, president, cashier and board of directors of the Citizens Bank and when his health began to fail was taken to the bank day after day that he might not be absent from his post of duty.

Death came as a welcome visitor on Sunday just as the church bells were ringing for the morning services. Three children survive him, Edwin E., Mrs. William Jackson, and Mrs. Spencer Phillips.

The services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4:30 p. m., from his late residence by the Rev. J. M.