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6-1- L. P. Spooner 1907

L. P. Spooner passed away at his home on East street at 11:30 today. Death was due to hardening of the arteries and came after a long illness. Funeral services will be held on Sunday afternoon at the home at 2:30.

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OBITUARY

Luke Prior Spooner

In the recent death of Mr. Luke Prior Spooner Grinnell lost one of its most upright and useful citizens. Mr. Spooner had been in failing health for over a year, but on Sabbath a week ago after having enjoyed dinner at the table for the last time with all of his family present, his condition became more serious and on Friday forenoon the earthly life came to a close.

Mr. Spooner was born in Wayne county October 14, 1847, and when still a child came to Appanoose county, where he resided until the spring of 1871. On December 14, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Davidson and the following spring they drove from Appanoose county to Grinnell, settling on a farm one mile south. Later they moved from this home to another south of Westfield. A few years later they moved again, to a pleasant farm near Maple Grove, which neighborhood became their real home, and where they happily resided until moving to the present home on East street, nine years ago.

Mr. Spooner lived a life of great usefulness and inspiration for all with whom he came in contact. Not only generosity of heart, but generosity of mind and speech marked his daily service. He was one who gave liberally of his strength to public achievements serving many years

as a trustee of Grinnell township. He was not envious of position for himself, but envious that right should prevail. It was not his privilege to obtain an education through schools and books, but by experience, honest and faithful industry and self-making he was excellently informed on all current and important problems. Although beginning life with very few of this world's possessions, by honest, hard toil and strict frugality he lived his latter days in comfort and enjoyment.

There remain to cherish his memory his devoted wife, four children, Mrs. O. C. Holden and J. L. Spooner of Riceville, and Mrs. Matt Smith and Will Spooner of Grinnell, one sister, Mrs. John Shaw, of Girard, Kansas, a brother, C. F. Spooner of Blockton, three half sisters, Mrs. Henry Wells of Centerville, Mrs. Joseph Graham, and Mrs. Ida Bryan of Oakland, Calif., at whose home he visited last fall, and thirteen grandchildren, for whom he had great affection, most of whom were at the funeral and as a token of loving tenderness, each laid in the open grave of their grandfather a bouquet of bridal wreath, his favorite flower.

Funeral services were held at the residence on East street, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. F. H. Webster. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

Two brothers-in-law, Minor Minks, of Blockton, and Joe Graham, of Centerville, and a nephew, Dr. Harry Spooner, of Baxter, were present from out of town.

Few men have been more useful than Mr. Spooner and in his death the community loses a man who cherished right and duty and lived to make the world better.