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MRS MARY SPRUNG

Aged 81 years and 11 days Mrs. Mary Sprung died at 2:50 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of her son, F. W. Sprung, following a stroke of paralysis which she underwent about 8:30 o'clock that morning. Prior to that time Mrs. Sprung had been in unusually good health and spirits.

Mary Schwemm was born Dec. 2, 1840, in Wittenberg, Germany, where she was christened and confirmed in the faith of the Lutheran church. In 1860 she came to Chicago with her parents and lived in Chicago and Barrington, Ill. She was married in 1863 to Frederick Sprung in Chicago and for the following twenty-five years the family lived on a farm near Oak Lawn, Ill. In 1888 they moved to Chicago, and remained there until March of 1908 when they moved to Grinnell to make their home. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprung of whom their son Ferdinand is the only survivor.

Funeral services were conducted from the Sprung home on Reed street at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon by Rev. O. Diermann, Mrs. Sprung's pastor and Thursday night the body was taken to Chicago accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sprung and their infant son, Rev. Mr. Diermann and John Rehder. Services will be held today at a chapel in Chicago and the body will be taken for burial to a cemetery near the former farm home near Oak Lawn, where she will rest beside her husband and children who preceded her.

Mrs. Schemel, a sister of Mrs. Sprung's husband, and her two sons and two daughters, came from Steamboat Rock to attend the funeral services here.

Mrs. Sprung was a true home woman; a devoted wife and mother, whose affection for those of her immediate circle was warm and true. During these last quiet years of her life, lovingly cared for by her devoted son, she has been a happy and helpful member of his home. The years have passed gently and on her last birthday, only eleven days before her death, she was delighted by the calls and remembrances received from many friends and neighbors.

The birth of her little grandson brought a great joy into her life. She was devoted to the child and her fondest anticipation was of the coming summer when she hoped that her hand might guide his first baby steps.

She will be greatly missed in the family circle where she has been so tenderly loved and also by all the many true friends she has made during her sojourn in Grinnell.