

**Mrs. Thompson, 84,
Mother of Baker, 4th
Dies Wednesday**

November 18, 1953
Mrs. Martha Thompson, 84, mother of John Thompson, local bakery proprietor, died at 11:55 o'clock last night after an illness of several years.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Smith funeral home with the Rev. W. F. Overhulser of the Methodist church as officiating clergyman. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Born Oct. 2, 1869, to Margaret Elizabeth and John Henry Painter in Bartholomew county, Indiana, Martha Anna Painter was one year old when the family came by covered wagon and settled at Centerville, Iowa.

Her father helped in the building of the Rock Island railroad, the Davenport to Kansas City main line.

On Dec. 24, 1885, she was married to H. Albert Thompson. To this union were born four boys. Two died in infancy and Roy Allen passed away in 1933, leaving a son, John Henry Thompson of this city as the sole survivor. Her husband died in 1900. *11-10-53*

A retired seamstress, Mrs. Thompson had been a resident of Grinnell since 1946. She leaves to mourn her death John H. and Elsie M. Thompson; one granddaughter, Mrs. Stanley Barnum, wife of Dr. Stanley Barnum of Mountain View, Mo., and three great-grandsons, John, Jimmy and Stanley; one grandson Arthur Louis Thompson of Grand Rapids, Mich., his wife, Harriet, and two great-granddaughters Diana and Juelie.

She was affiliated with the Christian church most of her life. On coming to Grinnell her letter was accepted in the Methodist church. Mrs. Thompson was a member of Beulah chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

(H. Albert)