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## Samuel Watson Passes Away

Dies at St. Francis Hospital Early  
Wednesday Morning After  
Long Illness.

REV. GEORGE BLAGG CONDUCTS  
FUNERAL SERVICE THURSDAY

Mr. Watson Born in Ireland; Had  
Spent Many Years of Life in And  
Near Grinnell.

Samuel Watson passed away at 12:15 a. m. Wednesday at the St. Francis hospital, after an illness of several weeks. He had been confined to the hospital for the last seven weeks. Mr. Watson was over seventy-eight years of age at the time of his death.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 and from the United Presbyterian church at two o'clock. In the absence of his pastor, the Rev. J. I. Frederick, the services were conducted by the Rev. George Blagg of the Methodist church. Burial was at Hazelwood cemetery.

Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Wendell Lewis, Mrs. Neil Urice, Mrs. Stanley and Paul Lincoln, who sang the 23rd Psalm, a part of the 103d Psalm, and "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Bearers were: Robert Agnew, Ralph Agnew, William Cleland, Thomas McConnell, John Reed, and William Rutherford.

Samuel Watson, son of Samuel and Ellen Sample Watson, was born in Belfast, Ireland, December 4, 1850, and departed this life July 9, 1929, aged 78 years, 7 months and 5 days. His early boyhood was spent in Belfast, where he received his education. At the age of 21 he came to this country and for fifteen years lived in New York State where he was a capable and trusted employee of the Chickering Piano Company.

In 1883 he was united in marriage with Bridget Valetta Farrell of Redford, New York. To this union ten children were born: James Alexander, Ellarena, William Samuel, Emily Sarah, Hugh, Thomas John, Harry Oliver, Clermont Cecil, and Lillie Priscilla.

William Samuel died in 1916 and two sons in infancy. In 1887 he with his family moved to Iowa locating on his farm southwest of Ewart. Here, he and his faithful wife established a fine home, where they lived together until 1919 when they moved to Grinnell and located at 1221 West street, where he lived until the time of his death.

In 1865, Mr. Watson united with the United Presbyterian church of Belfast, Ireland. This membership was transferred to New York, and later to the church at Ewart, Iowa, and then to Grinnell. He was ordained an elder of the church at Ewart, July 7, 1905. After moving to Grinnell he was ordained an elder of the church here, where he was an earnest and faithful worshipper until the time of his death.

Mr. Watson was always ready and willing to do anything he could for the advancement of the work of the Kingdom and for the betterment of his community. He will be greatly missed by his church and his friends who were numbered by his acquaintance.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife and the following children: James A., of Duluth, Minn.; Mrs. Jerry Sheehy, Searsboro, Iowa; Mrs. Frank Agnew, Ewart; Thomas J., Brooklyn; Harry O., Ottumwa; Clermont C., Ishpeming, Mich.; Lillie P., Grinnell. There are seven grandchildren, two nieces, Mrs. Will Hamilton, Grinnell, and Mrs. E. W. Gregson, Montezuma; two nephews, Gaston Nelson, Des Moines, and Alexander Murdock, Marengo; two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Welsh and Jane Watson, of Belfast, Ireland.