A Pioneer lowan Buried In Grinnell

After 52 Years of Service to City Mrs. Westbrook's Body Rests in Hazelwood.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Westbrook, which occurred at Los Angeles May 26, has taken from life one of the pioneer settlers of Iowa and Poweshiek counties and a lady who has maintained her residence in Grinnell since 1875, a period of fifty-two years. Elizabeth E. Dillon was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, February 29, 1836. In early life the family moved to Iowa County just a short distance east of Deep River and here, October 2, 1860. she was united in marriage with J. M. Westbrook, a farmer in the same community. Their post office was maintained at Old Dresden until 1875 when they moved to Grinnell for the chief purpose of sending their children to Iowa college. Mr. Westbrook died December 23, 1893.

There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook, three of whom are still living: Mrs. W. H. Long of Minneapolis. Mrs. Helen Westbrook Howell and Lewis B. Westbrook, both of Los Angeles. Mrs. Westbrook made her home here until the children had all left Grinnell, since which time she and Mrs. Howell, whose husband died several years ago, and her daughter, Miss June Westbrook, lived at Jacksonville. Florida. where Miss Westbrook was a teacher in the public schools. After her death in December, 1924, Mrs. Howell and her mother have made their home in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Westbrook was a quiet woman in manner, but a woman of rare talent and with a strong love for the higher education and for all the better and most beautiful things which life offers, and her family was brought up to love and honor and seek the good things in this life which she herself sought and exemplified.

During all the years she has maintained her membership in the Congregational church of Crinnell and has called Grinnell her home.



The body reached Grinnell Wednesday morning and was met at the train by a large company of her former friends and the friends of her daugh ters. There was a brief service at the grave in which Rev. E. M. Vittum spoke kindly and affectionately of the woman and the family he had known and whose memory he was glad to recall in words of kindness and love. Out of town friends present at the funeral were A. C. Howell and wife of Iowa City, and his son, Lloyd Howell and wife of the same place, and Mrs. Mary Howell Stuart of Monon, Indiana. Mr. Howell, Senior, is a nephew of Mrs. Helen Howell's husband, and Mrs. Stuart is a sisterin-law of Mrs. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long are visiting a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Ramsey and will return to Minneapolis in a day or two.

Mrs. Howell has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Burroughs, but will leave in a couple of days for a visit with Mrs. Mary Howell at Monon, Indiana. On her way, however, she will visit in Iowa City with her relatives there and at Cedar Rapids with a former Grinnell girl and classmate in high school, Mrs. Dr. Almetta Burd.

Mr. Long was the agent of the Rock Island railroad in this place for about eight years, and while here he married Miss Stella Westbrook. In 1884 he was transferred to Des Moines and for many years was located in that place and was one of the most valued employes of the Rock Island company. For a number of years they have lived in Minneapolis, but expect to go to Los Angeles in the fall. Mrs. Howell will also return to Los Angeles after she has completed a summer visit in this part of the country.