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Joseph Leslie Whelan.

Joseph Leslie Whelan was born near Elkhorn, Wis., June 4, 1851, and died May 15, 1916, aged 64 years, 11 months and 11 days. Mr. Whelan was the eldest of the twelve children of Joseph and Catherine Whelan, old residents of Poweshiek county. His father served in the Civil war. After 18 months' service he was discharged on account of disabilities and returned home, returning a year later to Nashville, Tenn. He took Leslie, aged 13, and John, aged 11, with him and they worked as employes of the government for about 9 months, being there when Hood attempted the capture of Nashville. In 1867 the family moved to Tama, Ia., and a year later to Chester township, Poweshiek county. He has been a resident in or near Grinnell for 48 years, living south of the fair grounds during the past ten years. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Mary Ellen Korns, daughter of John and Louise Korns of Tama county. To this union have been born four children, the first, a son, dying in infancy, and a daughter, dying at the age of two years. The surviving children are Elmer of Montana and Mrs. Edith Wharton of Baxter, Ia., who with the mother are left to mourn the loss of a kind father and loving husband. He also leaves an aged mother, one sister, Mrs. Eva Cannon of Storm Lake, Ia., and three brothers, John of Grinnell, Ia., Judson, of Missouri, and Frank, of Dodge City, Kas., with whom the aged mother makes her home, also a host of relatives and friends. For the past twenty

years he has been in failing health, but was able to do light work. Death was due to Bright's disease, although his condition was not regarded as serious until last Thursday. Gradually growing weaker he became unconscious Sunday evening, passing away calmly and peacefully Monday morning at about 10 o'clock. Those who knew Mr. Whelan best, say kindness was his greatest characteristic; he was one of the kindest, most generous men in Grinnell.

The funeral was held from the home on Wednesday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. J. M. Brown. Miss Floy Korns and Mrs. Hazel Black sang several beautiful selections.

The pallbearers were Messrs. German, Bert Shaw, Frank Thackeray, J. H. Rowe, Norman Pilgrim, and David McBain, old friends and neighbors of the deceased.

Relatives from out of town were Mrs. Robert Wright of Muskogee, Okla.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness extended to us during the illness and death of our husband and father; also the O. E. S. and Maple Grove Society and others for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. M. E. Whelan and Family.