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6-1 John Wylie - 1917

Grinnell lost a splendid citizen when John Wylie, 1225 Elm street, passed away last Wednesday morning. He had been slightly ill for several days but his condition did not alarm his friends until the last day when an obstructed hernia necessitated an emergency operation which failed to preserve life.

Born in Antrim County, Ireland, July 12, 1848, Mr. Wylie came of that sturdy Scotch Irish stock that has furnished America so many of her leaders, including President Wilson. He was married January 2, 1868, to Ellen R. Surgeson. Their wedding trip was the journey to America. They settled first in Scott county near Eldridge, where Mr. Wylie was active in building up the Covenanter Presbyterian church. In 1877 they moved to Jasper county, buying the farm now occupied by their son, W. R. Wylie. Here again Mr. Wylie lent his ready hand to the work of the Presbyterian church at Barrett, where he served as elder and precentor. In 1887 the family moved to a farm close to Gilman in order that the children might have school advantages. In 1898 they moved to Grinnell in order that the two younger children might attend college. Here they have continued to reside until the present time.

Mr. Wylie besides being an efficient farmer and loyal church worker at the time of his death was a member of the Congregational church in Grinnell—took his part in the public responsibilities of the community, being for many years supervisor and member of the school board. He was one of those industrious, honorable, neighborly and God fearing men who constitute the foundation of the Republic.

He is survived by three brothers, Alec and Robert of Brooklyn, and James of Belle Plaine; and by three sisters, Mrs. James Spence of Buckeye, Mrs. William Irwin of Concord Nebraska and Mrs. Elizabeth Lomant of Glasgow, Scotland. He leaves also a wife who has shared his home for forty nine years; three sons, J. L. and W. R. of Gilman and J. R. of Colorado Springs and Mrs. M. E. Hocum of Klemme.

Funeral services were held from the home this afternoon at one o'clock and later from the Congregational church at Gilman.