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END OF LIFE COMES TO DR. ABRAM SMALL

PIONEER PHYSICIAN AND NURSE-
RYMAN DIES AT AGE OF
EIGHTY-FOUR.

Dr. Abram Lennington Small, one of the pioneers of Kankakee county, died at 6 o'clock last night at his home on Eighth avenue, after a brief illness due largely to advanced age.

He was conscious until a moment before his death and talked with his family. He realized his end was near, dropped peacefully to sleep and passed away.

Dr. Small was 84 years of age and was well and hearty until a short time ago. On the Saturday after the Kankakee Interstate fair, on his 84th birthday, he sat for a picture showing four generations of Smalls, of which he was the great-grandfather. He began feeling ill about a week ago, and since that time had gradually grown weaker. He described his condition minutely to the family and knew from his medical knowledge that he would soon pass on. He faced the end bravely, knowing that he left behind him a worthy and well-spent life.

Dr. Small has been a nurseryman and gardener on South Eighth avenue of Kankakee for a great number of years. For 60 years he has been an important factor in its growth and prosperity. He was born in Wayne County, Ind., September 5, 1830, the second child among seven sons and four daughters. He spent his boyhood days in Indiana and there got his early education. He assisted his father in the farm work, but was always interested in the study of medicine. In fact, until his death, he was a student of books and men and had one of the best private libraries in Kankakee county. At an early age he entered the office of Dr. Standiford, and some time afterward took a course in medicine in the LaPorte medical college, at LaPorte, Ind., later graduating from Rush Medical college. He came to Illinois in the winter of 1850, and located at Wilmington, where he engaged in medical practice before completing his collegiate course. Later he practiced a few years at Rockville.

In 1855 he purchased land in what is now the city of Kankakee, when this city had no more than 300 inhabitants and Dr. Small was one of the first settlers. Ever since settling in Kankakee he has been engaged actively in the nursery business, in addition to the practice of medicine, and was

one of the first to follow that occupation in this part of the country. He devoted himself to the raising of rhubarb for the Chicago market. He often told of seeing the first train go through Kankakee on the Illinois Central.

In 1861 he went to Chicago and completed his course at the Rush medical college and was one of the first graduates of the school.

Dr. Small was united in marriage to Miss Callista J. Currier on November 17, 1853 in Porter county, Indiana. They became the parents of six children, five of whom survive them, Lennington Small of Kankakee, Susan, well known artist of Chicago, John Small of Kankakee, formerly judge of the 12th judicial circuit, Mrs. Callista Humrichouser of Kankakee, and Mrs. D. S. McKinstry of Wenatchee, Wash.

Dr. Small has been a supporter of the republican party since its organization and before that time was an old-line Whig, his first ballot having been cast for Henry Clay. He was never an aspirant for official position, though he always took an active part in local politics until old age caused his retirement. He took an active interest in educational work and for a number of years was a member and president of the Kankakee board of education.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge and a Knight Templar, and of the First M. E. church.

Funeral service will be held at the First M. E. church at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. H. D. Ketcham officiating. Interment will be in Mound Grove cemetery.