An Obituary Notice Of George Marion Mackin

George Marion Mackin was born in Huron, Ohio, December 14, 1867. He was the only child of Arvilla and Matthias Mackin. When George was about 8 years old his parents moved to Grinnell and in 1877 purchased a farm, then unimproved prairie in the Maple Grove neighborhood south of Grinnell. Here he grew to manhood taking part in the neighborhood Sunday School and the other forms of community life. Here he married Emily Evans, also of that neighborhood, on September 21, 1892, and began farming on a farm adjoining that of his father. After a few years he sold his farm and moved to Grinnell where the remainder of his life was spent.

Emily, his wife, passed away in 1933 after 40 years of life together. Their married life was a happy one. Two children were born to them, both of whom have borne all that loving hands could do to help him bear the pain and loneliness of the closing years of his life. George was a kind and loving father, deeply attached to his own home and fireside. Here he found the enjoyment and satisfaction of his life in the kindly service and tender sympathy of his loved ones.

He was a good citizen and always interested in the welfare of his fellow men although never taking any prominent part in public life. His sympathy was always with those who suffer and find life’s pathway a hard one. In all his dealings with his fellow men he was always absolutely square and upright. No one ever lost anything by trusting George Mackin.

He passed away after a lingering illness on September 11, 1936 at the age of 68 years, not quite reaching the “three score years and ten.” He leaves a son, Sherman Mackin, a daughter, Arvilla Mackin, and one granddaughter, Wanda Mackin, all of Grinnell.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon from the home at 927 Elm Street, conducted by Rev. Wm. Welsh. A mixed quartet from the Baptist church, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bonnett, Mrs. Howard Hyde and Edward Bohstedt, with Bud Ensrud at the piano, sang three appreciated selections. Pallbearers, all nephews, were John Carter, Willis Evans, Donovan Evans, Kenneth Evans Robert Evans and Dawson Holmes. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.