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ERASTUS PERRY BONSALE.

Erastus Perry Bonsall was born May 4, 1853, in Mahaska county, Iowa, and died at his home in this city August 3, 1922, aged 69 years, 2 months and 29 days.

On Feb. 4, 1880, he was united in marriage to Ora Ellen Cox. To this union were born three sons, Fredrick W. of Stettler, Alberta, Canada; Courtney N., of Didsbury, Alberta, Canada; and Milo E. of this city. There are also two grand-daughters, Winnifred and Doris. Beside the wife, sons and grand-daughters there are left to mourn his loss five sisters and two brothers.

His mother died in his early infancy. Later his father re-married and to this union were born seven sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Ida Steen and Mrs. Mary Evans, of Oskaloosa; Mrs. Lizzie Annan, of Coin, Iowa; Mrs. Tillie Linstead, of Lynnville, Ia.; Mrs. Edna Bean, of Sedalia, Kansas; John Q. Bonsall, of Clarinda, Iowa; and J. R. Bonsall, of Fort Scott, Kansas; the others having died in infancy.

In the winter of 1889 he was converted and became a member of the Church of God at Newburg, Iowa. For thirty-three years he has had an abiding faith in the keeping power of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ and found comfort and peace in communion with the Holy Spirit.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. P. Robertson, of Taintor, Ia., a boyhood schoolmate and lifelong friend. The singing was by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Phillips, of Conrad, Ia., also old friends of the family.

Bearers were Harrison Fleener, John Jantzen, Frank Marvin, W. J. Nelson, Chal Chacey and Fred Gruhn.

Relatives from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. John Steen, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Evans, Mr. Ranford Evans, all of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Annan, of Coin, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. C. Dickson, of Newburg, Ia.; Mrs. Carroll McBroom of Marshalltown, Ia., Mrs. H. M. Cox, Misses Rena and Trula Cox of Newton, Ia., and David Cox of Newburg, Iowa.