

An Obituary Of 4-29-1932 Francis Byers

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Francis Byers was born Nov. 14, 1859, in Rock Island county, Ill., the son of David and Mary Byers. When a boy of about seven years he came with his parents to Poweshiek county, Iowa, settling on a farm about nine miles southeast of Brooklyn. Here he spent his life until his marriage on Feb. 22, 1880, to Nancy Virginia Robb. With the exception of about five years, he spent his life on the home farm until the spring of 1908 when they moved into the present home.

To this union were born two children, Olive Summers Wilcox of Des Moines, and William Alva, at home. These two, with an only sister, Elizabeth Kibbee of Moravia, a grandson, Roy Summers of Des Moines, a foster daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Kann and her three children of Brooklyn, and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Ellouisa Byers, and a host of friends survive.

Mr. Byers was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Montezuma for many years. In his earlier life he was a member of the United Brethren church of South Brooklyn until it closed. About two years ago he joined the Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, April 20, at 2:30, from the Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, conducted by the Rev. E. W. F. Holler. Appropriate music was furnished by Mrs. W. W. Koons and Mrs. Mae Armstrong, accompanied by Miss Thursia Manatt at the organ. Pall bearers were old friends of the deceased, Albert Swanson, Hugh Lang, W. A. Fraser, W. E. Butts, Miller McCullough and Noah Wheeler. The services at the grave were in charge of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Brooklyn.