

Monday, February 12, 1962

Former Deputy Sheriff Lane B. Cowell Dies

Funeral services for Lane B. Cowell, 80, Montezuma, were held Saturday from the Steffy Funeral Home there with the Rev. Glenn R. Dieken, pastor of the Montezuma Presbyterian church, officiating.

Mr. Cowell had been in failing health for more than 14 months. Burial was in Jackson township cemetery.

He was born Feb. 16, 1881, and died Feb. 7, at a local hospital.

Mr. Cowell had served as a Poweshiek county deputy sheriff under former Sheriff Fred Cochrane. Previously, he had been town marshal at Montezuma for many years and before that had been in charge of the community's water department.

He never married.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Susie McKeag of Malcom, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were five brothers and five sisters.

Lane B. Cowell Funeral Services Conducted Saturday

Memorial services for Lane B. Cowell, life-long resident of the Montezuma area, a former town marshal and a deputy sheriff, were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Steffy Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. G. R. Dieken. Louis Gorsuch played the service selections and accompanied vocalists Marilyn and Keith Stahl.

Interment was in Jackson Township cemetery. Casket bearers were Ray Schoales, Don Crisman, Cliff Smith, Louis Schoales, Fred Cochran and Adam Height.

Lane B., son of Jobe and Mahala Cowell, was born near Montezuma Feb. 16, 1881, and died in St. Francis hospital, Grinnell, Feb. 8, at nearly 81 years of age. He was educated in the rural school near Montezuma.

Of the 12 children, six sons and six daughters, he was the last surviving son. A sister, Mrs. Susie McKeag, Malcom, survives, as do several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.