

Thursday, November 18, 1965

## OBITUARY

**KELLEY DAVIS**

(Contributed)

Kelley Davis, son of John R. and Eliza Jane Lancaster Davis was born in Lynnville, Iowa, on March 10, 1892 and departed this life on November 5, 1965 in Mercy hospital in Cedar Rapids after a brief illness at the age of 73.

When young he moved with his family to the Searsboro community where he received his elementary education in the Searsboro school. He was graduated from Penn college in 1917.

On April 18, 1918 he was united in marriage with Jessie Ratcliff. To this union two sons were born, Richard of Searsboro and Keith of Malcom.

He was engaged in farming in the Searsboro community. In 1933 he was employed in the office of the original Triple A Farm Program at Brooklyn. Moving to the Montezuma area in 1943 he continued as county chairman until 1947 at which time he resigned to become Poweshiek County Assessor, serving until his retirement in 1958.

Mr. Davis received State recognition for 15 years service in various agricultural programs.

He was much interested in all sports and was an avid bowling fan and held offices in two leagues.

He was regular in attendance at the worship services at the Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, two sons and their wives, five grandchildren, also two brothers, Jack of Clinton, and Howard of Searsboro, also several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was an infant grandson, Charles Arnold Davis, and the following sisters and brothers: Lenora at 12 years of age, Mrs. Lizzie Main, Mrs. Lucretia Mitchell, James Otis, Edgar, Fred and Charles Davis.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, Nov. 8, 1965 at 2:30 at Steffy Funeral in Montezuma with Rev. Dean Lankford, pastor of Church of Christ officiating. Mrs. Frank Mitchell was organist. Casket bearers were Everett Emmert, Frank Mitchell, Arnold Ratcliff, Marvin Norman, Kenneth Ratcliff and Raymond Mitchell.

Interment was in Friends cemetery at Lynnville.

Monday, November 8, 1965

## Kelley Davis, 73, Former County Assessor, Dies

LYNNVILLE (Special)—Kelley Davis, 73, of Montezuma, former Poweshiek county assessor, died Friday, Nov. 5th, at a Cedar Rapids hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held today (Monday) from the Steffy Funeral Home at Montezuma. Interment was in the Friends cemetery at Lynnville.

He was the son of John R. and Eliza Jane Lancaster Davis and was born at Lynnville on Mar. 10th, 1892. He received his elementary education in the Searsboro schools and graduated from Penn College at Oskaloosa in 1917.

On Apr. 18th, 1918, he was united in marriage with Jessie Ratcliff. They were the parents of two sons, Richard of Searsboro and Keith of Malcom.

For a number of years he was engaged in farming and in 1933 was employed with the regional AAA office at Brooklyn. From 1947 until 1958, he served as Poweshiek county assessor.

Following his retirement, he received state recognition for 15 years of service to various agricultural programs.

Surviving are his wife and two sons; two brothers, Jack Davis of Clinton and Howard Davis of Searsboro; and five grandchildren.