

William D. Fanton, Retired Merchant, Dies Here Saturday

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William D. Fanton, 85, of Gilman, died at a local hospital Saturday evening after a brief illness. He was a retired merchant.

Born Oct. 21, 1872, the son of Aaron and Mary Mooney Fanton near Gilman, he was reared on the farm with his brother and sister and was educated in local schools.

Three Survive

Fanton married Jennie Lavender, and to this union were born two sons, Dr. Lyle D. Fanton of Des Moines and Aaron D. Fanton of Cedar Rapids. Following the death of Mrs. Fanton, he married Mrs. Belle Ramsey, and reared her son, Y. W. Ramsey, now of Fullerton, Calif.

Fanton operated a lumber yard in Newton for four years, and then return to Gilman, where he operated a mercantile store for many years. In 1935 he retired, but remained active until a few days before his death.

Was a Mason

A member of Gilman Community church, Fanton also belonged to Masonic Lodge No. 338, and Onyx Chapter No. 350 of the Order of Eastern Star, both of Gilman.

Besides his two sons and his step-son, Fanton is survived by his brother and sister, Elgin M. Fanton and Mrs. Elma C. Gould, both of Gilman.

Services at Gilman

Services will be held Wednesday at the Gilman Community church, with the Rev. Frank Perry officiating. Burial will be at Prairie View cemetery, Gilman, under the direction of the Smith Funeral home.

Music at services will be by Mrs. Harley Everts, organist, and Mrs. Robert Weaver, soloist. Pallbearers will be Charles Fanton, Gaylord Fanton, Wallace Fanton, DeWitt Lavender, Duane Muckler and Harry Stewart.