

Y, APRIL 24, 1931.

## Mrs. J. J. Farmer Dies Suddenly

(From the Montezuma Republican)

Funeral services were said over the body of Mrs. J. J. Farmer Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. J. Stanley Decker, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. W. S. Kight of Des Moines. Interment was in the cemetery at Ewart. A large concourse of devoted friends and relatives was in attendance.

Mrs. Farmer, who had been in failing health for sometime, was stricken about noon Monday while in her home. She asked Mr. Farmer to start the dinner, stating that in a few minutes she would come out and finish. Mr. Farmer went into the kitchen, afterwards calling her. However, she had passed peacefully away while sitting in her rocking chair.

Mr. Kight united Mr. and Mrs. Farmer in marriage thirty-eight years ago. Mrs. Farmer was a lady with a charming personality. She enjoyed the respect and esteem of many friends both here and at Ewart. She took active interest in church and social affairs and could always be depended upon to do more than her share. The Farmers moved to this city from their farm several years ago, and rapidly made a place for themselves in the community life. The following obituary was read at the service:

Emmaline Latcham, youngest daughter of William and Abbie Turner Latcham, was born in Clayton, New Jersey, March 15th, 1870. At the age of one year she came with her family to Montezuma, Iowa, and settled on a farm in Pleasant township in Poweshiek county, April 15th, 1871. Here she grew to young womanhood and was united in marriage with James J. Farmer on March 29th, 1893. They immediately located on a farm near Ewart where they lived for 34 years, when they moved to Montezuma, retiring from the farm on March 2nd, 1927, where they have since resided.

To this union were born two children, Mrs. Nellie L. Watson of Brooklyn, and Millard F. Farmer of Ewart. These, together with the bereaved husband and two grandchildren, Florabelle and Virginia Watson, are left to mourn the sudden death of a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother. Mrs. Farmer was one of a family of seven children, four boys and three girls, all of whom survive but she and one brother, William T. Latcham, and the parents who preceded her in death. The surviving brothers and sisters are: Benjamin R. Latcham and Mrs. Alma D. Cummings of Montezuma, Leonard Latcham and Mrs. Amy T. Wells of Grinnell, and John W. Latcham of Pasadena, Calif.

Since early womanhood, Mrs. Farmer has been a faithful and consistent Christian and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, being at the time of her death a member at Montezuma.

Her physical health has not been very good for some years, but no immediate alarm was felt at her condition. For some time past she had been feeling better than usual, and was hopeful that her condition was going to improve, but only a couple of days before her death she developed a severe pain in the region of the heart from which she seemed unable to receive much if any relief and died suddenly sitting in her chair about noon on Monday, April 20. She was aged 61 years, 1 month and 5 days.

(James J.)