

# T. Hutchinson Passes Away

July 15 - 1927  
Early Settler Dies Suddenly At Home  
In Montezuma, July 10,  
1927.

HAD LIVED IN POWESHIEK  
COUNTY FIFTY-FIVE YEARS.

Was Good Citizen, Active Mason,  
Scottish Rite Mason, And  
Enthusiastic Shriner.

The community of Montezuma was saddened by the sudden death of Thomas Hutchinson, which occurred Sunday morning at nine o'clock. Funeral services were held at his home at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. H. Barker of the Montezuma Methodist church, assisted by Rev. W. E. Vandenberg, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment was in the Montezuma cemetery with the Masons in charge of the services at the grave.

Following is a part of the obituary as it was read at the home:

Thomas Johnston Hutchinson, son of John and Mary A. Hutchinson, was born in Rock Island County, Illinois, on September 27th, 1861, and died very suddenly at his home in Montezuma at 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning, July 10th, 1927, aged 65 years, 9 months and 23 days.

At the age of eleven in the year 1872, he came to Iowa with his parents. The family consisted of nine children. They settled in Scott township, Poweshiek county, where he attended school and grew to manhood. He was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church at Brooklyn by Bishop Morrison.

He was married February 9th, 1886 to Emma Ramsey. They lived in Scott township until February 1897 when they moved to Montezuma.

To this union were born four children, one of whom, Harry Eugene, preceded his father in death by about nine years. Those who survive him in addition to his wife are two daughters, Mrs. Mary Atkinson of Victor, Iowa, and Mrs. Margaret Shearer of Montezuma and one son, John E., also of this city. There are also four grandchildren, one of whom, Frances Emaline Shearer, passed away in 1917. The other are Marie Hutchinson, and Marcus and Peggy Ann Shearer. He also leaves to mourn, one sister, Miss Mary Hutchinson, and three brothers, Joseph and Henry of Montezuma and John of Cedar Rapids. Four brothers, James, Frank, Robert and William have passed on before him.

Mr. Hutchinson was a fine, clean man, a loving husband and father, a patriotic citizen and a good neighbor. He was a Mason, a member of Dakota Lodge No. 52, being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1894. He took the Consistory in 1919 and became a Shriner soon after that. He was also a member of the Dad's Club, an auxiliary organization formed among the fathers of the men of the Legion.