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WILLIAM JAMES INMAN

William James Inman was born in Lawrence county Pennsylvania. July 27, 1853 and died October 12, 1921, being 68 years, 2 months and 15 days old. He came to Iowa with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Inman, when about two years of age, living for a time in Mahaska county, but in 1861 they came to Poweshiek county where they resided until death. Mr. Inman grew to manhood on the farm near Deep River, beginning his education by learning his ABC and how to spell from the letters on his mother's stove hearth, and as she labored at her homely tasks he studied as diligently at the fireside often with her assistance. Later he attended country school and became a teacher at eighteen. He attended Oskaloosa college for a time and upon his return he taught at different schools in the county for many years. He was postmaster at Deep River for two years during the railroad building period there and received appointment as railway mailing clerk in 1890 in which capacity he labored for some 15 years.

He was married to Mary Sophia Roland in 1877 and to this union were born seven children, six of whom survive, one son, Roscoe Donald, passing at the age of four.

In 1898, he, together with the mother and the daughter were baptized and received into fellowship of the Christian Church, Des Moines, which membership he since retained. He was a firm believer in God and ever reverent to Him. He was also a member of the Masonic order.

During all these years of active service, Mr. Inman was a landowner and an enterprising citizen, being aided by the planning and loving counsel of a faithful wife, the mother of his children. She was called to her eternal rest May 8, 1904, at their home in east Grinnell. He then began buying and selling farms, finally acquiring the Frank Tibbals farm in Scott township where he lived for several years.

son, February 26, 1913 and after selling the Scott township farm they moved to Montezuma where they have since resided and where he has been Justice of the Peace for the past two years.

His life was a busy one and although hindered by ill health and often by extreme physical suffering, he was active in enterprise, keen in political knowledge and with a mind filled with knowledge of the affairs of the world. He was a good father, a kind husband, considerate for those in need and ready to serve in any way within his power. With a great heart of sympathy he gave of himself to that circle of humanity in which he moved. Many came to him for counsel and advice, and went away filled with the knowledge of the wisdom of his sound deliberate judgment. He was honored and trusted by his fellow-men, loved most by those who knew him best, but to his immediate family he was everything a human father and husband could be, and his sudden passing brings to their hearts a poignant sorrow and grief that only love and loss can understand.

Those surviving are his wife and his children: Mrs. E. L. Wood and H. L. Inman, Montezuma; Mrs. John W. Gurnoe, Rochester, Minn.; C. W. Inman, Vergas, Minn.; Harry D. Inman of Dallas, Texas; and Lyman Inman of Oskaloosa. The six brothers and two sisters of Mr. Inman were all present at the funeral. The brothers are: Reed and Archie of What Cheer; Frank of Ottumwa; Grant of Grinnell; Everett of Deep River and Sherman of Montezuma. The two sisters, Mrs. Fred Taylor of What Cheer and Mrs. David Gordon of Montezuma. Another living sister, Mrs. Hugh Wagerell of Delores, Colorado, was unable to attend.

The funeral service was held at the Methodist Episcopal church on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Lloyd H. Lanning, Rev. S. Walton Fay of Grinnell assisting. The body was laid to rest in the Masonic-I. O. O. F. cemetery, the Masons having charge of the burial service.—Montezuma Republican.