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**JESSE MARTIN
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Funeral services were conducted Jan. 3 for Jesse Mar-

tin at Long Beach, Calif., former Montezuma resident, who passed away Dec. 31. Jesse had undergone surgery for a minor operation and was apparently recovering well, he suddenly became ill and passed away at the age of 84. Rev. Marvin A. Johnson was the officiant.

Casket bearers were Harold and Paul Steele, Raymond, Warren, Henry and Donald Swangel.

Interment was in the Sunnyside Memorial Park.

Jesse will be remembered by many as the rural mail carrier for the farm community north of Montezuma for some 29 years before his retirement at age 65 in 1939. He started carrying mail in 1910 by horse and buggy on a route approximately 20 miles long. After plodding through many years of snowbanks and mudholes his trek was extended to just over 50 miles daily a few years before his retirement.

An ardent reader of the Republican awaiting the next issue to arrive Jesse remained moderately active to the end. Christmas day, 1958 was spent with his three children and their families.

OBITUARY

Jesse Warren Martin was born in a log cabin in Sheridan Township, Poweshick County, Iowa, Feb. 5, 1874; and passed away in Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 31, 1958, at the age of 84 years, 10 months, and 26 days. He was the youngest son of Benjamin B. and Margaret (Campbell) Martin.

The Martin family later moved to Mahaska County, north of New Sharon, Iowa, where Jesse attended the "Star" school near the coalbank. In 1892 the Martins moved to a farm in Union Township four miles west of Montezuma, Iowa. At about this same time he joined the Christian Church, a small farm community church in Forest Home, Iowa, and was baptized by a Rev. Mr. Frank Coffin.

Jesse farmed for a number of years and in 1910 passed a civil service examination for Rural Mail Carrier. Upon completion of some 29 years government service

he retired in 1939 at age 65.

On June 8, 1922, he was married to Nettie Marie Swangel in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

To this union was born two sons, Marvin Lloyd and Ival Eugene, and one daughter, Macel LaVonne.

In 1942 Jesse moved to California living in Bellflower until 1947 when he made Long Beach his "home-away-from-Iowa."

After undergoing two operations in 1943 for removal of cataracts from his eyes, he was employed by Douglas Aircraft Co., for the war period, subsequently busying himself with many odd jobs.

From about 1948, the arrival of his first grandson, his time was spent enjoying his family which grew to six grandchildren; visiting with his brother, Levi; and watching his favorite television programs.

He was preceded in death by his oldest brother, Ezra, in 1915; his mother, Margaret, in 1917; his father, Benjamin, in 1925; and his brother, Levi, in 1956.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie; three children, Marvin, Ival, and Macel; six grandchildren, Lloyd, Linda, Janece, Larry, Susan, and Donna; cousins; and many nephews and nieces, great-nephews and nieces remembering "Uncle Jesse."