

BENJAMIN P. MEIGS

~~8-24-1923~~
Body of Respected Poweshiek County
Man Will Be Buried in Malcom
Sunday.

PASSED AWAY AUG. 19
AT LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Mr. Meigs Lived an Active and Useful
Life In This Com-
munity.

Benjamin Paddleford Meigs, the son of Church and Nancy Paddleford Meigs, was born at Lyndon, Vermont, Oct. 14, 1843. With his parents and several brothers and one sister he became a resident of Iowa in 1854, his father settling in Malcom township where the family grew up and became well and favorably known. All have now died except one brother, Austin P. Meigs, now living in Long Beach, Calif.

Ben, as he was familiarly known to all, grew up to manhood on the home place on the State Road north of Malcom, and engaged in farming.

In the year 1869 he was married to Miss Josephine Chapman, daughter of Rev. A. D. Chapman, who was the first Presbyterian minister located at Malcom. They made their home on the home farm until 1881 when they located in the town of Malcom where in addition to managing his farm Mr. Meigs engaged in the mercantile business and the buying and shipping of live stock on an extensive scale.

To them were born four children: Miss Ethel Meigs, Dr. B. L. Meigs, Dr. A. C. Meigs now living in Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Grace Meigs Herkelrath, living now in San Diego, Calif.

In 1915 Mr. Meigs sold out his business interests in Malcom (retaining his farm) and moved to Long Beach, Calif., where he made his home in his declining years.

He died there on Aug. 19, 1923. His wife and the four children survive him.

Mr. Meigs was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Malcom. He has held many positions of honor and trust in this county and was well liked and respected by all who knew him.

During the summer of 1922 he and Mrs. Meigs made an extended visit in Iowa and met many of their old friends.

Mr. Meigs will be brought back to be laid at rest in the Malcom cemetery on Sunday, August 26, where the services will be conducted by Lily Lodge No. 254 A. F. & A. M., of which he was a member.

Mr. Meigs was held in universal respect and esteem by all who knew him. He was a kindly, vigorous, helpful man and will be remembered with affection by countless friends throughout the county.