

OBITUARY.

1-8 Philip J. Mittle. 1916

Philip Mittle, Jr., son of Philip and Mary B. Mittle, was born in Waynesville, O., Aug. 12, 1837, and died at his home in Grinnell, Sept. 4, 1916. Philip was the seventh child of a family of twelve children, who with their mother were left to the hardships of pioneering without the help and counsel of husband and father, he having died when Philip was twelve years of age.

When he was twenty-one years of age he came to Illinois to visit relatives, and there became acquainted with Miss Susan Maxwell, who became his wife on Dec. 1, 1859, and went with him to Ohio, where they lived for one year.

They then came back to Illinois and lived until the spring of 1841, when they came to Iowa and settled on a farm northeast of Grinnell, where they lived in or near the same neighborhood where their children and grandchildren now live. In 1895 he retired from farm life and moved to Grinnell, where he has since resided.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mittle were born seven children, Mrs. Nellie Howard, Mrs. Martin Elchhorn, Mrs. Fred Gruhn, Ernest, Lester, Roy, and Guy.

With the exception of Roy the children were all living and near him until the last two months of his life, when a great sorrow came to him in the accident and death of Ernest; the father being bedfast at that time. He bore up under this great sorrow with the same patience and fortitude that he did his own suffering, saying, "I know you will do all that can be done for him."

Besides the wife and four children he leaves four sisters, Mrs. Ella Cleavenger, Mrs. Hattie Phillips, Mrs. Mattie Maguire, and Miss Hope Mittle, all of Converse, Ind., who were not able to be present on account of the serious illness of the youngest sister, who is very low.

He also leaves twenty-eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, to mourn the loss of a loving husband, brother, father and grandfather.

The funeral was held from the home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross.

Six grandsons acted as pallbearers. Interment in Hazelwood.