

2-18 John T. Rose. 1913

John T. Rose is dead. He was nearly one hundred and two years old and was without doubt the oldest man in Iowa. He was a remarkable old gentleman. During the past years he has been a great care to his son-in-law, Mr. Malcolm and his family. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Methodist church.

John T. Rose was born March 31, 1811, in Sullivan county, New York, where the earlier years of his life were spent, and died February 6th, 1913, at the home of Albertus Malcolm in Montezuma, Iowa.

July 4, 1835, he was married to Elizabeth P. Mott. To them were born seven children: Henry M., of Miles City, Montana, Melissa M., wife of G. C. Banning of Carbondale, Colorado, Lydia A., wife of Albertus Malcolm, of Montezuma, who died November 8, 1911, Martha A. Wallace of Hollywood, Washington, William Blake who died at the age of three years, Herbert E., of Malcolm, Iowa, and Elvira T. O'Brien, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Rose and family came to Iowa in 1855 and located in Jasper county where they lived four years and then removed to Henry county Illinois, where they lived ten years and in 1870 returned to Iowa locating in Poweshiek county where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mrs. Rose died January 28, 1883, since which time Mr. Rose made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm. Since Mrs. Malcolm's death, Mr. Malcolm has continued to provide him with a comfortable home and faithfully cared for him.

He joined the church at an early age in New York and was a conscientious Christian and was always found in his place at church until the infirmities of age had prevented. Until his eyesight failed, he was a great reader of the Bible and when he could no longer read he often repeated verses and sometimes chapters of scripture and sang or repeated many hymns which were a great source of comfort to him.

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