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**Well Known Auctioneer,
Col. F. J. Schmidt,
Buried At Searsboro**

Francis J. Schmidt, 79, Sioux City, a longtime resident of this area, died Thursday evening at the Cherokee State Hospital.

Requiem High Mass was sung Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grinnell, with the Rev. L. V. Kuebrich officiating. Pallbearers were Fred Schmidt, William Schmidt, Joseph Schmidt, Leo Schmidt, Harold Schmidt and Clarence Schmidt. Interment was in Calvary cemetery at Searsboro.

Born near Searsboro, he was the son of Peter and Elizabeth Sanders Schmidt, and was one of a family of 10 children. He attended rural schools near Searsboro and later attended auctioneer school at Kansas City.

He returned to Searsboro and worked in the Searsboro-Grinnell area. In 1937, he moved to Sioux City where he was a livestock and order buyer for many years.

His health failed in 1964 and he had been hospitalized at the Cherokee State Hospital.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Rosa Crager of Napoleon, N.D.; and several nieces and nephews including Mrs. John Staecker, Searsboro, William Whalen, Oskaloosa, Henry Selle, and Mrs. Robert Morrison, Grinnell.

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Monday, February 8, 1965

**Requiem Mass
Held Today For
Col. F. J. Schmidt**

Francis J. Schmidt, commonly known as Col. Schmidt, 79, of Sioux City but a longtime resident of this area, died Thursday evening at the Cherokee State Hospital.

Requiem High Mass was held this morning (Monday) from St. Mary's Catholic church with the Rev. L. V. Kuebrich officiating. Pallbearers were Fred Schmidt, William Schmidt, Joseph Schmidt, Leo Schmidt, Harold Schmidt and Clarence Schmidt. Rosary was recited Sunday evening at the Smith Funeral Home.

Interment was in Calvary cemetery at Searsboro.

Born near Searsboro on August 1st, 1885, he was the son of Peter and Elizabeth Sanders Schmidt, and was one of a family of 10 children. He attended the rural schools near Searsboro and later attended auctioneer school at Kansas City, Mo.

He then returned to Searsboro and "called sales" in the Searsboro-Grinnell area. In 1937, he moved to Sioux City where he was a livestock and order buyer for many years.

His health failed in the fall of 1964 and he had been hospitalized at the Cherokee State Hospital until his death.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Rosa Crager of Napoleon, N.D.; and several nieces and nephews including Mrs. John Staecker of Searsboro, William Whalen of Oskaloosa, Henry Selle of Grinnell and Mrs. Robert Morrison, also of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by eight sisters and brothers.

He was a member of the Cathedral Parish Catholic church at Sioux City.