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John Schmitz Of Brooklyn Passes

Funeral services for John Schmitz, father of Mrs. O. H. Gallagher of this city, were held Thursday afternoon from the home of Dr. E. J. Schmitz in Brooklyn. Rev. Russell G. Nye was in charge of the services. Interment was in the Brooklyn cemetery beside the body of his wife who passed away in 1907. Mr. Schmitz died Tuesday morning.

The Brooklyn Chronicle says of him:

"Johnnie" Schmitz as he was commonly called, was the oldest business man in Brooklyn when he gave up his business two years ago—not only in years, but in length of time he has been in business in this town. He was past 82 and has lived continuously in Brooklyn well over half a century.

Coming here in the early days he started a shoe shop and was one of the most skillful shoemakers of the time. His shoes, all hand made, were far superior, so those tell you who have worn them, to anything that can be bought at any price today. After the shoe making business went out of date he continued to run a repair shop and for many years has been in that business.

The family of seven children all attended the public schools here, have all done well and are all well known to everyone in Brooklyn. Dr. E. J. Schmitz is the only one living here at present. The other children are Mrs. May Gallagher of Grinnell, Mrs. Florence McCluskey of Chicago, Margaret who is in California, and who recently visited here, Will in Dakota, Fred in Montana, and Albert in Chicago.

Mr. Schmitz has been in poor health for two years. Over a year ago he went to the Odd Fellows home in Mason City, and only became alarmingly ill Sunday when he was taken to a Mason City hospital where he died early Tuesday morning. Dr. E. J. Schmitz was with him at the time of his death, and arranged to have the body brought to Brooklyn for burial.