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3-25 ALFRED STIGERS. 1902

Alfred Stigers was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, June 19, 1856, was married to Frances Carpenter March 12, 1879. To this union two children were born, Alfred A. of Malcom and Edith, now Mrs. John Lynch of Sheridan, who with the bereaved wife and three brothers and a sister mourn his death.

Deceased grew to manhood on a farm in the county of his birth and resided there until the spring of 1892 when he removed to Pleasant Prairie, Iowa, where he purchased a store and began the grocery business. He remained there until December, 1896, when he sold his business and moved to this county, purchasing the property he had here at the time of his death.

He was initiated into the Masonic Order February 2nd, 1887, passed May 4th, 1887, raised June 1st, 1887. The services at the grave were conducted by this order.

He was a twin brother of Albert Stigers of Stuart, Iowa, who with his brothers, Lewis N. of Blue Grass, Iowa, Marquis L. of Menlo, Iowa, and sister, Mrs. McFate, were called by telegram bearing the news of his sudden death, which occurred March 17, 1902, having lived forty-five years, eight months and twenty-eight days. The funeral was held at the Sheridan M. E. church on Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. D. Phillips of Sonora. The body was escorted by the Masonic order to its last resting place in the cemetery.

Mr. Stigers was known far and wide, as the large congregation testified, being one of the largest ever known in Sheridan. He was a successful business manager and had built up a large trade. About two years ago he became interested in building telephone lines and had built the line between Malcom and his store, the one between Grinnell and the store and one south of Malcom. He had four lines entering his store, which gave an opportunity for connection with all the neighboring towns.

A beloved brother, a faithful husband and a kind father has passed into the vale of eternity, leaving an aching void in the hearts of those who loved him.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral besides his brothers were Mrs. Albert Stigers of Stuart, John Stigers of Blue Grass, Mr. J. Carpenter and Mr. Fridley, brother and brother-in-law of Mrs. Stigers.