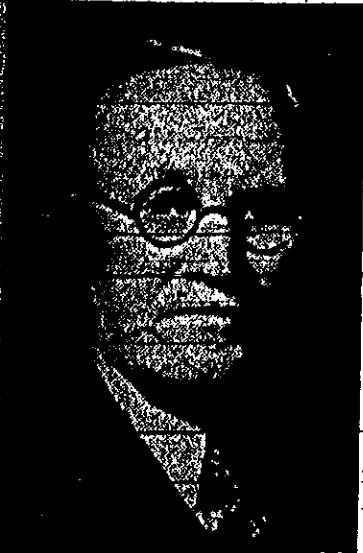


Death Closes The Useful Life Of John Evans

One Of Iowa's Leading
Insurance Men Was
Buried Today



John Evans

John Evans died Saturday morning at the ripe age of 78.

The quiet, unassuming man whose inherent ability and honesty have brought him to a commanding position in the farmers mutual insurance field in Iowa is not here any more. Those who enter the spacious office where he has always been found for so many years, will miss the welcoming smile, the friendly hand-shake, the sane, kindly outlook on life which they had learned to wait for there.

Worth Is Recognized

There was nothing spectacular about John Evans, but he was a man whose genuine worth was recognized by those about him and the many honors which were bestowed upon him in his own special field were not of his own seeking, but came to him naturally.

For several months Mr. Evans had been in failing health. He spent some weeks in the hospital. Then for a short time he was back in his office but when he was forced to return to the hospital it became apparent that the end was not far away. His death occasioned no surprise but a deep and sincere regret throughout the entire community.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the James Funeral Home, conducted by Dr. J. S. Nollen, with burial in Hazelwood cemetery. The Masonic ritual was performed at the grave. Pall-bearers were Willis Evans, Leonard Evans, Donovan Evans, Dawson Holmes, Sherman Mackin and Lyman Evans. Music was provided by J. Forrest West, head of the Grinnell College Department of Music, accompanied by Norman Goodbrod.

It is noteworthy that the death of Mr. Evans followed by only a few weeks the passing of H. P. Baustian, with whom he had worked shoulder to shoulder for so many years in building up the Poweshiek County Farmers Mutual Insurance association to the enviable position which it occupies among the farmers mutuals of the state. Mr. Evans became secretary of the association in 1905. Mr. Baustian was elected vice-president in 1908 and succeeded to the presidency in 1913. Both men had held office continuously ever since.

Held Many Offices

At the time of his death Mr. Evans was secretary-treasurer both of the Poweshiek County Farmers Mutual Insurance association and the Farmers Mutual Reinsurance association. He was president of the Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance association of Des Moines, and a director of the Allied Mutual Casualty Co. and the Grinnell State Bank of which he was the first president. He was also a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Congregational church. He was a member of the city council in 1915 and for a number of years was secretary of the Farmers Elevator company.

Born In England

John Evans was born Oct. 30, 1865, in Ross Herefordshire, England, the son of John and Esther Simpkins Evans. He came to this country with his parents in 1870. The family settled first at Dav-

enport and moved to Poweshiek county about 1881.

Mr. Evans grew to manhood in this locality. On March 19, 1889, he was married to Miss Matilda Sulser and to this union two children were born, Mildred, now Mrs. Jack Hall of Livermore, Colo. and Harold S. Evans, who is following in his father's footsteps as president of the Allied Mutual Casualty company of Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans lived for a time on the farm now occupied by Judson Blakely south of town, where he was a partner of A. J. Blakely, Sr., in the raising of Merino sheep. He also taught school in the winter months in connection with his farm work.

After he became secretary of the Poweshiek County Farmers Mutual, he moved to the farm across the road east of the old fair grounds and built a fine home. The farm was one of the best improved in this section of the county. In 1914 he sold the farm to J. H. Rowe and moved to Grinnell, where he has made his home continuously ever since.

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