

Jesse A. Kingsland Veteran Blacksmith, Died On Saturday

Jesse A. Kingsland, veteran Grinnell blacksmith, died in a local hospital Saturday morning after a long period of ill health dating from a stroke on April 10, 1950, followed by a heart attack on Jan. 29. He had been in the hospital for about a week during his last illness.

Funeral services in charge of Rev. W. F. Overhulser were held this afternoon at the Smith funeral home. Ed Bohstedt at the organ played familiar hymns. Pallbearers were Ed Lefler, Frank and Bill Ritter, Frank Wilson, E. R. Alley and Charles Hink. Three fishing companions, Leslie Oldham, Frank Kastner of St. Joseph, Mo., and Fred Roop were honorary pallbearers. Burial was in the Malcom cemetery.

Mr. Kingsland had passed his 75th birthday on Sept. 3, having been born in 1875 in Evanston, Wyoming. He was the son of Samuel and Christine Anderson Kingsland.

He learned the blacksmith's trade in Caledonia, Wis., later came to Williamsburg and then to Brooklyn, where he met and married Grace M. Shifflett, who preceded him in death on April 21, 1932.

Forty-eight years ago he located in Grinnell and worked steadily at his trade until failing health forced his retirement last April. For a good many years he had his own blacksmith shop and later worked for George Armentrout.

Since the death of his wife he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Carl Paxson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsland had three children. A daughter, Gertrude Leone, preceded him in death. Surviving are Mrs. Paxson and a son, Marion, of Chicago. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Dan Sullivan of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mrs. Dougall Sullivan of Aspen, Colo., and three grandchildren, Lauren Paxson of Grinnell and Donald and Mary Ann Kingsland of Chicago.

For many years Mr. Kingsland was active in the Christian church. He taught a boys' Sunday school class and for several years he took his boys for a week's summer outing to a lake near Greene, Iowa. Of late years he had transferred his membership to the Congregational church. He was a member of the State Blacksmith association and was president of the Poweshiek county organization.

He was an ardent fisherman all his life and spent many happy hours with his fishpole in hand.

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