

Obituary Of ¹⁻²⁹⁻ ¹⁹³² Seth R. Allee

(By a Staff Correspondent)

Lynnville, Ia., Jan. 29, Special:
Seth R. Allee, son of Parkhurst and Belinda Allee, was born at Knightstown, Ind. October 4, 1848. When 18 years of age in 1866, he came with his parents to Iowa locating in Poweshiek county. He was united in marriage on November 30, 1867 with Minerva Gause, who preceded him in death sixteen years ago. To them were born three children: Mrs. A. L. Meredith of McAllen, Texas; Will Allee of Sully; and Mrs. Fred Wagaman of Lynnville. After setting up their home they lived on three or four different farms, finally settling in Lynnville where he lived for more than forty-eight years.

Since the death of his wife he continued to live in his own home until about a year ago when his rugged health began to fail. Later in the spring he was in the hospital for some time where he submitted to a serious operation. Since then he has lived with his son Will, and daughter Ada in whose home he passed away January 23, 1932, at the ripe age of 83 years, 3 months and 19 days.

Seth Allee's life in Iowa has spanned the marvelous development from prairie and ox team to paved highways and motor cars. Not only was he a witness, but his life was spent in helping make this transformation. He will be remembered as a builder. He helped hew the ties for the R.I.P.R. west from Grinnell. As a carpenter his hands have built a great part of the homes in and around Lynnville. He continued actively at work until some eight years ago.

He was interested in community affairs, holding for years such offices as school director, town councilman, clerk, etc. He was present at the time of the organizing of the Old Settlers Association, serving as secretary. For the 61 years since that time he has not missed attending Old Settlers each year.

He was a member of the Friends Church, and for many years was a teacher of a men's class, being recognized as an outstanding student of the Bible.

Besides his three children he leaves one brother Elias Allee of Des Moines, fourteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Willard Reynolds Monday afternoon from the Friends church. Music was furnished by a mixed quartet composed of Waldo Reece, Marie Wagaman, Mildred Reece and Harlan Meredith with Mrs. A. T. Gifford at the piano. Pall bearers were grandsons of the deceased, Willard, Charles, Herbert and Harrie Wagaman, Elmer Perry and Claude Allee, burial in the Woodland cemetery.