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THOMAS LEE ANDERSON

The subject of this sketch, Thomas Lee Anderson, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Anderson, now deceased, was born in North Carolina March 21, 1866, and on Thursday, Feb. 17, 1921, as the sun was beginning to hide himself in the western horizon his spirit left its tenement of clay for the brighter world on high. He became sick at the home of his son Lester Anderson, Des Moines, Ia., and the care of three good physicians and all that loving hands could do failed to arrest the work of the enemy and after two days sickness in bed he paid the last debt of nature. Double pneumonia was the cause of his death. He was 54 yrs. 8 mos. and 26 days of age.

When quite a young lad he began to learn the "Art Preservative" in the print shop of his uncle John W. Cheshire who at the time was owner and publisher of the Montezuma Republican. He afterward was in the employ of J. W. Jarnagin in the same office. At different times he worked for all of the printing offices in Montezuma. He also worked for the two newspaper plants of this city and a few weeks since was foreman of the Gilman Dispatch. He became quite proficient at his trade and understood nearly all of the parts connected with the business. As a typesetter he was not considered quite as rapid as some in the profession but was very careful in composition and very few mistakes had to be corrected on the proof galley. His lifetime was principally employed at his trade. For some months he worked for Mrs. McDowell at her "Eats" house a few steps west of the Union Depot in Grinnell and gave perfect satisfaction. On Feb. 20, 1892, he was united in marriage to Miss Rozella Bradds at Montezuma. To this union were born two sons, Carey L. Anderson, and Lester R. Anderson. An adopted daughter, Vera Anderson was taken in and cared for by the family when she was a mere babe about eleven weeks old. These children are all making good

at employment in Des Moines. Those left to mourn the going of a loving husband and father are the wife, three children, three grand children, more than a score of cousins and other relatives and hosts of sympathizing friends who were present at the funeral Saturday afternoon Feb. 19, 1921. He is also survived by two brothers, Jas. E. Anderson, of Montezuma, Ia., and Frank Anderson of New Sharon, Ia., and one sister Mrs. Cecilia Craver of Deep River, Ia. On account of ill health the J. E. Anderson family could not be present at the obsequies. The services were held at the home of the deceased conducted by the Rev. Herbert Scott of the First Methodist Church. A lady, Miss Helen Clark sang Lee's two favorite hymns, "Saved by Grace," and "Tell Mother I'll Be There." All that is mortal of this law abiding citizen was laid to rest in the beautiful Laurel Hill cemetery at Des Moines, Ia. The wealth of beautiful and fragrant flowers which were sent to the family on his date of burial attested the great number of friends who were his.