Emmett Bledsoe Services Today

Emmett L. Bledsoe, 94, a resident of Grinnell, died Thursday evening (Oct. 5) at Friendship Manor, following an extended illness.

The son of Thomas and Margaret Kinsel Bledsoe, he was born Feb 5, 1878, in Nishoba County, Kan. He came to the Montour community in March of 1900 and worked for O. C. Vreeland for 18 years.

Mr. Bledsoe was married to Bessie M. Powell March 19. 1918, and she preceded him in death Jan. 26, 1966. Following their marriage, the couple farmed for 18 years in the Montour community, and in 1936 they moved to Grinnell and continued farming. Mr. Bledsoe was one of the outstanding breeders and feeders of livestock and was also a grain farmer. He was well known for white face steers. In 1943, Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe moved back to Montour. Since April of 1966 he had made his home at Friendship Manor.

Survivors include his stepson, Raymond Powell of Grinnell; two step-grandsons,

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Bruce of Trafford, Pa., an Gordon of Schenectady, N.Y.: his twin sister, Etta Springer o Humphreys, Mo.; and his nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife he was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and two brothers.

Funeral services for Mr. Bledsoe will be held at 2 p.m. today (Monday) at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. Eugene Young, pastor of the United Methodist church, officiating. Organist will be Mrs. Kathleen Heffner, and pallbearers will include Gail Wheeler, Henry Rohlfing. Floyd Manfull, Gordon VanDonselaar, Arthur McDowell, and Phil Palmer. Honorary pallbearers will be Al Meacham. Charles Vogel, Donald Crowley, Fred Jones, and Leo Donohoe.

Burial will be in the Montour Cemetery, Montour.