

CITY MOURNS DEATH OF PIONEER

PASSING OF SETH BROWN, ONE OF
EARLIEST BUSINESS MEN OF
MANCHESTER, BRINGS SORROW
TO ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

WAS FRIEND TO ALL ALIKE

A Man of Most Kindly, Unselfish Nature, Held in Affection by All. Life One Long Record of Helpful Service.

Great sorrow is felt in this community over the death, at his home here on Tuesday evening, January 4, 1916, of Mr. Seth Brown, for nearly sixty years a resident of Manchester and a man than whom none stood higher in the regard of our people. Mr. Brown's death followed an attack of acute bronchitis, with grip complications. The funeral is to be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at two o'clock from the Masonic temple, the services in charge of Manchester lodge, No. 165, A. F. & A. M. Burial is to be made in Oakland.

A Native of England.

Mr. Brown was born in Devonshire, England, February 9, 1835, and at his death was nearly 81 years of age. As a lad of fourteen he came to America with his uncle, James Brown, and for several years lived at various points in Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio, learning the shoemaker's trade in the latter state. In 1856 he came to Bremer county, Iowa, and in the following year to this city, being for a time associated with the late B. H. Keller in the sale and manufacture of boots and shoes and in 1859 engaging in that business on his own account. He remained in active business until August, 1898, when he retired, principally to care for his invalid wife, to whom he gave the most loving and unremitting care until her death, which occurred on January 4, 1900, sixteen years to a day preceding his own demise. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married in Coffin's Grove township August 21, 1861, her maiden name being Harriet Evans.

Numerous Relatives Survive.

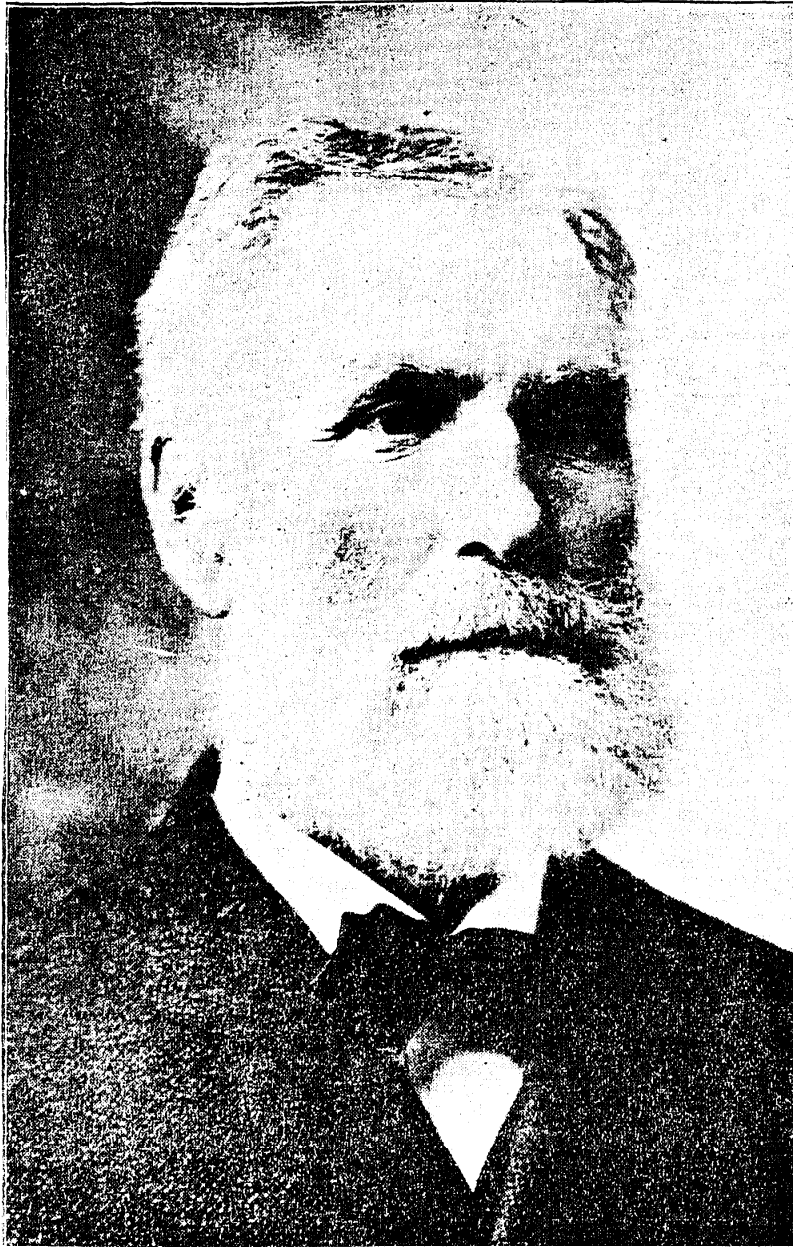
Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of four children, George, Ida, Grace and Jennie, the latter widow of Merton K. Brown. She is the only surviving child, and to her father she has given tender, faithful care. Other relatives are two brothers—

of Wadena, Minnesota, and Fred of Somersetshire, England; two half sisters, Mrs. Kate von Meyers of Dubuque and Mrs. Susie Chapman of Florence, Nebraska; and three grandchildren, Mrs. Emily Purvis, Seth and Dorothy Brown, children of Mrs. Jennie Brown.

A Pioneer Mason.

Mr. Brown had been affiliated with the various Masonic bodies of the city from the earliest days of their history, and none was more devoted to the order or exemplified its teachings in his life more thoroughly and consistently than he. The Blue lodge has lost two of its foremost members in the departure of Mr. Brown and G. S. Lister, and its ceremonies can never be the same to their friends because of their absence. Mr. Brown was one of the first promoters of the Universalist movement here, a contributor to the construction of a church edifice and for many years the most active adherent of the local society. He was a man of quiet tastes and manner, of the highest type of personal integrity, generous in thought and speech, and the very personification of kindness. Young and old loved him and looked up to him, and many hearts are in sorrow over the passing of a valued friend, a trusted counselor, a modest, earnest, lovable Christian gentleman. His memory will abide with his friends so long as life shall last.

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SETH BROWN