

Moses Gerard '3-20-1934' Passes Away

Moses Johnson Gerard, son of Isaac and Hannah Gerard, was born near Montezuma, Ia., August 14, 1859, and died at his home in Grinnell March 16, 1934, being 74 years, seven months and two days old.

He spent most of his life in Poweshiek county, with the exception of seven years in Kansas.

In December, 1884, he was united in marriage to Jane Armstrong.

To this union were born nine children: Leroy, who died in infancy; Mrs. May Katzenberger, San Diego, Cal.; Ross of Hollandale, Minn.; Mrs. Ethel Cochran, Searsboro, Ia.; Lewis of Death Valley, Cal.; Carl of Fulton, Mo.; Mrs. Pearl Farley, Grinnell; Mrs. Pansy Arthur, Searsboro, Ia.; and Mrs. Irene Johnson, Ottumwa, Ia.

He was converted in 1914 and later joined the Methodist church at Grinnell.

He had been in poor health for several years, but on March 7 he was taken seriously ill, and although everything was done to relieve his suffering, he grew worse each day, and quietly passed away Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Five of the children were able to be in the home and help care for him in his last illness.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, eight children, seventeen grandchildren, one great grandchild, one brother, Lewis of St. Paul, Minn., two sisters, Mrs. William Richardson of Cylinder, Ia., and Mrs. Wes Davidson of Holly, Colo., besides many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Montezuma, Ia., Sunday, March 18, conducted by Rev. George Blagg of New Sharon. A quartet of singers from Montezuma sang the selections. Burial was made in the Montezuma cemetery.