

B. JENKINS STRICKEN

Grand Old Pioneer Suffers Stroke at Two-Fifteen Yesterday Afternoon.

WAS PREPARING TO WALK TO DOWN TOWN OFFICE

Passed His 86th Birthday Last Friday, and Was in Apparent Good Health.

A wave of sorrow passed over the community early yesterday afternoon as hushed voices almost whispered the word that Beth Jenkins had suffered a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Jenkins had followed his usual custom in the morning of going to the office of the Building and Loan association of which he was a director.

At 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon as he was sitting in his chair, putting on his rubbers the shock came. His daughter had spoken to him but a moment before, to which he had answered. A second remark, brought from him but a mumbling reply, and his daughter noted with horror that a change had quickly come over him, and called help. With others' assistance Mr. Jenkins was taken to his bed and a physician summoned. He lapsed speedily into unconsciousness and as we go to press he remains in the same condition. Owing to his age, the illness is a serious one, but hosts of friends hope for his complete recovery.

Mr. Jenkins was 86 years old last Friday and seventy years of his life have been spent in Washington township and Grinnell, as he came here in 1852.

A successful teacher in his younger days, he became a successful farmer and later managed successfully the lumber business now owned by G. O. Watland.

He has served successfully as Mayor of Grinnell, and his genial, helpful ways have made all people his friends.

BETH JENKINS IS DEEPLY MOURNED

PROMINENT CITIZEN'S FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Business Houses Draw Blinds In Honor Of Beloved Character.

After an illness extending over about two weeks, Beth Jenkins passed away Monday night at his home on south West street, at the advanced age of 86 years. Some time ago he was stricken with paralysis and although for a few days he seemed to improve, his advanced age and the nature of the illness combined to weaken his condition and it was evident for several days prior to his death that he could not recover.

In Mr. Jenkins' death, Grinnell and Poweshiek county lose another of their early settlers, a man whose active and honorable career in this neighborhood dates back to 1854, nearly seventy years in one country, where he had come to be known as a deep thinker, a scholarly gentleman and a true citizen. His death is mourned by all of the many who knew him and called him friend.

The hardships and simple pleasures of the early days are vividly recalled by those who knew Beth Jenkins in his early manhood. The success that came to him in later life was success that was well merited. Teaching school in the winter and working on a farm in the summer developed a foundation of physical activity and scholarly judgment which served him in good stead throughout his later life.

After he became a successful farmer and after retiring from this work he moved to Grinnell, but he was active, energetic and too useful to be idle. His son, John, who has been a partner in the partnership with H. O. Clark and purchased an interest in the prosperous lumber yard now operated by the Watland Lumber Company. Mr. Jenkins later purchased Mr. Clark's interest and for

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a number of years successfully conducted the business alone.

He was always a staunch, consistent Democrat and although his political views often differed from those of his best friends, he had always the good of his community, state and nation at heart and was honored by all.

Beth Jenkins was upright and loyal in his dealings with his fellow men and his word was considered as good as his bond, by himself and those with whom he was associated.

Bartholomew Jenkins, son of Thomas and Nancy Jenkins, was born near Morantown, West Virginia, January 12, 1856. With his parents he moved to Madison, Indiana, where his father died on April 30, 1887.

In 1854, when a youth of eighteen, the subject of this sketch came with the other members of the family to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where for sixty-eight years he has made his home. In the years since he has been a real pioneer, and the qualities of courage, willingness to sacrifice for others and rugged sincerity which are usually associated with the thought of these honored early day characters were virtues which were exemplified in his life in this community.

On October 16, 1882, he was married to Sarah Jane Favor, who passed away on October 4, 1917, leaving only a few days of completing fifty-five years of married life together.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1923

BARTHOLOMEW JENKINS

Pioneer of Poweshiek County Laid to
Final Rest in Hazel-
wood.

HAD LIVED IN COUNTY
OVER SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS

Was a Notable Man in His Generation
and Served Family and Commu-
nity Faithfully.

In the death of Bartholomew Jenkins who passed away Monday night, January 30, 1922, Grinnell is called to mourn a loyal citizen, a true gentleman, and a warm friend.

Mr. Jenkins was born at Morgantown, West Virginia, January 13, 1836, and so had passed his 86th birthday. With his parents he came an infant to Madison, Ind., where his father died April 30, 1837. Here he grew to young manhood, leaving there September 21, 1854, and reaching Poweshiek county October 11, 1854. The family of brothers settled in Washington township and here he too lived until he moved to Grinnell and became a partner in the lumber business with Rodney W. Clark.

In early manhood he was a school teacher and a young farmer by turns and was a success in both.

October 16, 1862, he was united in marriage with Sarah Jane Favor and started housekeeping in a little home in north Washington township, and as he once said to the writer, these were the proudest days of his life. Mr. Jenkins was eminently a homemaker, a man who loved his family, and he and his wise wife lived modestly, worked industriously and helped nobly that the children might have advantages denied in some degree at least to the parents. Seven children were born to them: Joseph Leo, who died Oct. 5, 1910; Elizabeth Lewis, who died July 12, 1916; Mrs. Mattie Barnes, Mrs. W. H. Wesco, Mrs. C. P. Buswell, T. B. Jenkins, and Mrs. James Buswell.

After moving to Grinnell Mr. Jenkins became quickly identified with the civic interests of the city and was chosen three times a member of the city council. In 1903 he was elected mayor and in all ways he fulfilled the duties of the office he held with untiring zeal and fully met the wishes of his friends in his efforts for an efficient government and a progressive administration.

In business he proved a friend maker, and met with success. He later bought the interest of Mr. Clark in the business and conducted it alone until he sold it to G. O. Watland, the present owner.

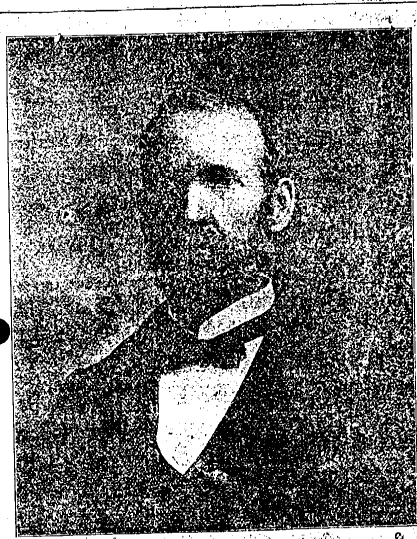
Mr. Jenkins was a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Elks.

Mr. Jenkins was early identified with the Home Mutual Building and Loan association and in 1908 was elected its president, a position he held until his death.

Mrs. Jenkins died Oct. 4, 1917, preceding him a few months over four years.

The funeral was held at the home at two o'clock Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross. Music was by Mrs. D. H. Snook, Miss Lucile Umbenhauer, A. L. Frisbie and Fred Morrison who sang "The Sands of Time Are Sinking" and "Beautiful Land of Somewhere." Bearers were Geo. H. McMurray, D. D. Willey, Geo. Sampson, William Dittmer, W. C. Rayburn and J. W. Harpster.

The Masonic lodge had charge of the services at the grave.



BETH JENKINS, 1836-1922

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Joseph Lee, who died October 8, 1910, Elizabeth Lewis, who passed away July 12, 1916, and those surviving, Mrs. Mattie Barnes, Mrs. W. H. Wesco, Mrs. C. P. Burwell, Thomas B. Jenkins and Mrs. James Buswell, all of Grinnell.

In business and in everyday life with those whom he had come to know so well, Beth Jenkins was an honorable and highly respected man. He made friends easily and enjoyed the trust and confidence of all. A school teacher for many years, he was ever an enthusiastic champion of education and worked diligently to provide for educational facilities whenever the opportunity offered.

For six years he served as councilman from the third ward and in 1903 was honored with the office of mayor, where for two years he served the city wisely and well.

In 1907 he was made a director of the Mutual Home Loan and Savings Association and in the following year he was elected president, which office he held continuously until his death.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the home, 603 West street, conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross, pastor of the Congregational church. A quartet, composed of Mrs. D. H. Snook, Miss Lucile Umbenhauer, Fred Morrison and A. L. Friable sang "The Sands of Time Are Sinking" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Bearers were

George H. McMurray, W. C. Rayburn, George Sampson, J. W. Harpster, William Dittmer and Dr. E. B. Whitely, all old-time friends of Grinnell's pioneer citizen and business man. The Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Jenkins was an honored and active member, conducted the regular Masonic ritual at the grave.

BETH JENKINS PASSES

Notable Pioneer of Washington Township Dies at Midnight Last

February 1, 1922
CAME TO THIS COUNTY
FROM INDIANA IN 1854

Was Successful Farmer and Business Man, Mayor and Citizen.

The not unexpected death of Bartholomew Jenkins at his home last night comes as a distinct shock to our people. Kind, accommodating and honorable in all his dealings, gentle as a woman, Mr. Jenkins was a man in whose heart was no guile.

The Jenkins family were among the earliest settlers in Washington township. James Jenkins located on Section 7, Nov. 8, 1849, and died in 1853. Other brothers were Joseph, Nehemiah and Beth, who is the last to pass away. The latter came here in 1854, at the age of 18 years and he became at once actively identified with local interests. He became a country school teacher, a vocation he followed successfully for several years.

He was married to Miss Sarah Favor. There are five living children from this union all residents of Grinnell.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock Thursday at the home. The Masons will be in charge of the services.

MASONS' ATTENTION

Meet at Temple 1:30 p. m. sharp, Thursday Feb. 2. Funeral services Brother Beth Jenkins.

M. C. BIDWELL, W. M.