

9-4 HORTON BURT LAIN #23

Horton Burt Lain, son of Laurence and Hannah Lain, was born in Wellsburg, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1853 and passed away at the close of his day's work, Thursday, August 30, 1923, at Sully, Iowa, at the age of 69 years. At the age of 21 years, he came to Altoona, Iowa, where he was operator for the Rock Island railroad. On April 15, 1878 he was united in marriage to Ella Wheeler at Altoona, and to this union five children were born, three of whom died in infancy.

With his family he moved to Grinnell in 1888 and was operator in the Rock Island freight office. Later he bought out the feed business of Mr. Latimer and for a number of years was owner and manager of the feed store. He was the first rural mail carrier out of Grinnell on Route No. 1.

In the fall of 1904 he went to Sully to take charge of the station there and has held that position without a break for nineteen years.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, a son, D. P. Lain of Los Angeles, his daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Dempster of Grinnell and two grandchildren, Wilma Gardner and Lois Lain and numerous other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Roscoe Dempster home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. C. Wasser, of the M. E. church. Professor Elias Blum sang two beautiful selections and burial services at the grave were conducted by members of the Masonic order.

Pall bearers were the following relatives: Roscoe Dempster, L. O. Shaffer, N. B. Shaffer, E. W. Heller, E. V. Stivers and Guy Lain.