

## The Montezuma Republican

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### WM. MOLISON DIES; FORMER SUPERVISOR AND FARM LEADER

Former Poweshiek county supervisor and farm leader, William Molison, 85, of Malcom passed away at St. Francis hospital, Grinnell, Saturday after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church in Malcom, conducted by the Rev. Loren Parker and the Rev. E. W. F. Holler. Organist was Mrs. Loren Parker.

Pallbearers were Eldon Johnson, Everett Wood, Francis Tomasek, Clyde Austin, Alvin Mann and Lloyd Fry. Mrs. M. A. Brewer and Mrs. Pat Dillavou were in charge of flowers.

Interment was in Ivy Hill cemetery, Malcom.

#### Born In Scotland

William Molison was born Feb. 7, 1870 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

He came to America with his mother and grandparents at an early age and settled in Poweshiek county, Iowa. They were among the early pioneers from Scotland. William Molison lived for over 70 years on the farm south of Malcom until he moved to Malcom six years ago.

#### Wed 57 Years

On Feb. 16, 1898 he was married to Elizabeth Cleland of Ewart. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1948.

Mr. Molison always had a vital interest in the Malcom community and Poweshiek county. He was active almost his entire life in the Malcom Presbyterian church. He was a charter member of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau and served as treasurer during the early years of its existence.

#### Supervisor 12 Years

Mr. Molison helped to organize and was an officer for many years of the Malcom Farmers Elevator company. He served 12 years as county supervisor in the 1920's and early 1930's.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Wilbur Molison, Grinnell; three daughters; Mrs. Ruth Schneekloth, Tipton, Mrs. Grace Sheerar, Stillwater, Oklahoma and Mrs. Britton McCabe, Springfield, Mass.

There are five grandchildren: Mrs. Ruth Ann Malone, Pittsburg, Pa., Mac Molison, Eldora, Mary Molison attending Iowa State college, Bob Molison attending Oberlin college, and William McCabe of Springfield, Mass., and one great granddaughter, Kathleen Ruth Malone, Pittsburg, Pa.

Bill, as he was known to a host of friends, was actively engaged in farming his entire life until he retired about six years ago. He continued his progressive interest in farming almost to the last day of his life.



William Molison

### Wm. Molison Dies; Funeral Rites Tuesday

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Prominent County Figure  
Dies Saturday Following  
Illness of Several Years

William Molison, 85, prominent Poweshiek county figure, died at noon Saturday, December 10th at a local hospital, following a long illness.

#### Services Tuesday

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, December 13th from the Presbyterian church at Malcom with the Rev. Parker, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Holler, officiating.

Well known throughout the entire state, he held the office of county supervisor in Poweshiek county for nearly 15 years. During his several terms of office, much of the concrete paving in the county was constructed.

#### Farmers Elevator

For many years he was the president of the Farmers Co-operative Elevator at Malcom and was one of its organizers. He was also instrumental in the organization of the Farm Bureau in Poweshiek county and was a member since its organization.

For years he operated a large farm south of Malcom before retiring and moving to Malcom a few years ago. In Malcom, he was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church.

#### Political Figure

Successful in the political field, he was an outstanding member of the Republican party.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; one son, Wilbur, Iowa senator from Poweshiek and Keokuk counties; three daughters, Mrs. Grace Sharrar, Stillwater, Okla.; Mrs. Britton McCabe, Springfield, Mass.; and Mrs. Ruth Schneekloth, Tipton.

Also surviving are several grandchildren.