

William Murdock, Useful Citizen Of Newburg, Dies

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Newburg, Ia., May 14, Special:

William Sherman Murdock was born at Victor, Iowa, February 2, 1866, and died at his home in Newburg, May 8, 1935, at the age of 69 years, three months and six days. He was preceded in death by three sons, two who died in infancy, and Lewis C. Murdock, who is buried in France.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah E. Murdock, and nine children: Mrs. Harvey J. Paul of Laurel, Mrs. Albert J. Antle of Marshalltown, Mrs. S. P. Paul of Troy, Iowa, Mrs. Carl Rahn of Ochevedan, Mrs. R. E. Anderson of Baxter, Naomi of Des Moines, Nelson of Oskaloosa, Earl of Green Mountain and John, still at home. There are thirteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren, four brothers and two sisters.

Until he moved to Newburg seven years ago, Mr. Murdock had given his whole life to farming, in which he had achieved a fine success. He lived a few years in Clay county, Nebraska, but most of his farming experience was in the Barrett community southwest of Newburg.

As a resident of Newburg he took a keen and active interest in everything that was for the public good. When the local American Legion Post was organized it was named in honor of his son, who lost his life in World War service, and to the new organization Mr. Murdock gave loyal support. He was serving his third term as a member of the board of the Newburg consolidated schools, and during most of that time its president. He was a loyal and active member

of the Congregational church, and the teacher of the Forum Sunday School class. Since coming to Newburg, he joined the Masonic lodge at Gilman and found deep satisfaction in its work.

Mr. Murdock was a man of striking personality--his stalwart frame, his rugged build and his buoyant and boyish heart made him a marked man in any company. He showed great capacity for friendship--loved his family and friends and delighted in their companionship. On subjects that mattered he had strong convictions, but was always optimistic and forward-looking. His death removes from the community's life a strong, clean, happy, wholesome man whose good life will long continue to bear the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

The funeral services were held at the Congregational church at Newburg Friday afternoon. Rev. W. B. Wilson was in charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Robinson of Edgington, Illinois, an old friend of the family. The pallbearers were G. H. McCarel, Oliver Mulford, Harold McCulloch, Harry Jinks, Howard McKee and Ivan Harrison. The music was provided by a quartette composed of John Koger, Virgil Palmer, Ed Newcomer and Lloyd Stoaks, with Miss Jean Lindsey accompanist. The body was laid to rest in the Laurel cemetery, with Masonic ceremonies at the grave by the Gilman lodge, and directed by Professor John Gannaway of Grinnell. There were nearly a hundred relatives attending the funeral, many of them from Illinois.