

John McCandless Dies In Sheldon

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Older residents of Montezuma will regret to learn of the death of John McCandless on January 1st, 1933, at his home in Sheldon, Iowa, at the age of 82 years. He was a brother of Mrs. A. C. McGill, long a resident of this community.

Mr. McCandless was born in Alleghany county, Penn., in 1855, and came to Montezuma in 1881, after he had finished a law course at the University of Michigan. He was admitted to the bar of Iowa shortly after coming to the state and practiced law at Montezuma until 1891, when he moved to Sheldon, Iowa, where he has since resided.

About the year 1883 he was superintendent of the Montezuma schools for one year.

In addition to the practice of law at Montezuma, he was engaged in the abstract and real estate loan business with his brother-in-law, A. C. McGill, under the firm name of McCandless & McGill.

He is survived by his widow, Kate Buchanan McCandless, and three children: Robert, with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at Washington, D. C.; Margaret, a teacher in the public schools at San Mateo, Cal.; and Bethana, Registrar of Grinnell college.

During the ten years that the McCandless family lived at Montezuma, they occupied the residence now owned by A. C. Heath, in which home the children, Margaret and Robert, were born.

Mr. McCandless was for many years one of the foremost citizens of Sheldon. He organized the Empire Loan and Trust Company and was its president for thirty years. He rendered many years of service on the Board of Education and Official Board of the Congregational church of Sheldon and was active in all social and civic enterprises. Moving to Sheldon when that section of the state was really new, he did much to aid the agricultural and business growth of the northwest corner of Iowa.
