

JOHN WESLEY PLUM FUNERAL THURSDAY

12-12-1924

John Wesley Plum was born at Daytonport, Iowa, November 26, 1861. In early life he united with the Baptist Church of Iowa City and remained a member of that church until the family moved to Grinnell in 1876.

As a boy and young man working in the Chester and Sheridan neighborhoods, he established the reputation for industry and reliability, which his later life sustained.

On February 27, 1886 he was united in marriage to Malinda M. Robison and they began housekeeping on the farm northeast of town now occupied by Mr. Ed Erickson. Six children blessed this home, five boys and one girl. It was during the epidemic in 1918 that a great blow fell upon the family in the loss within a week of a son and a daughter, Fred and Hazel. At this time, Mr. Plum was the only one who was not ill and he did heroic work in caring for the other members of the family.

In 1913 the family moved to the farm three miles south of Grinnell and in 1920 came to town to reside at the home at 1825 Sixth Avenue.

Mr. Plum's illness which had been developing since last summer, became quite acute last week, and as a last resort an effort was made to take him to Rochester, Minn. However, he was not able to reach his destination. He passed away at Des Moines early Tuesday morning, December ninth.

Mr. Plum was a loyal member of the I. O. O. F. of Malcom for twenty-five years. He was a man of integrity in his business relations, devoted to his family and honored by his friends. He is survived by two brothers and a sister, Arthur of Iowa Falls, Iowa, Frank of Pequot, Minn., and Mrs. Della Rush of Brainerd, Minn.; by his wife and four sons who live in or near Grinnell, Charles, Will, Robert and Myron, and fourteen grand-children.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Congregational church conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross. A quartet composed of Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer, Miss Stella Bartlett, Fred Morrison and Paul Bartlett furnished music. Mrs. J. P. Ryan was at the organ. Pall bearers were Ed Lynch, Ambrose Jenkins, Pete Creamer, W. J. Nelson, G. C. Murray and Dean Eichhorn. Interment was in Hazelwood.

It was the writer's fortune to know Mr. Plum when he was a farm hand and both shared in the same toil and the same hard labor. Mr. Plum was a man of strict integrity, accommodating, hard working and willing to do more than his share to help along the work in which he was engaged. The memory of the friendship of many years ago on the Newton Sherman farm northeast of town, made the friendship of the writer and Mr. Plum grow stronger as both grew older and it is a pleasure to testify that in every capacity in which we knew him he came up to the full measure of a man. He was strong, active and industrious. He succeeded by strict industry. He accumulated a comfortable property and has been ranked among the county's successful farmers. The life which he lived is a fitting example for the children who follow him to emulate.