

## Former Poweshiek Resident Passes Away In Newton

(From The Newton News)

Thomas W. Searight, 85, retired farmer and former resident of Montezuma, died Sunday at 6:20 a. m. at his home at Newton.

Mr. Searight had been in failing health for the last two years and had been bedfast since the first of May. Death was due to the complications of old age.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Steffey funeral home in Montezuma and burial was in a cemetery there.

Mr. Searight was born at Orville, O., Oct. 24, 1850, the son of John F. and Harriet Searight. He came with his parents to Iowa when he was 12 years old, the family locating at Montezuma.

He was a member of a family of eight children, four of whom died in infancy. A sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, died about two years ago.

On Jan. 21, 1880, Mr. Searight was united in marriage to Elizabeth Dryden at Montezuma. To this union, one daughter, Stella, was born.

The couple lived on a farm east of Montezuma for 30 years, then moved to Newton, the home of their daughter. They had resided in their present home since 1918.

Mr. Searight was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for over 50 years, transferring his membership to the Newton church upon moving to Newton from Montezuma. He was trustee of the church in Montezuma for a number of years.

Mr. Searight retained his membership in the Montezuma I. O. O. F. lodge, of which he served as noble grand at one time.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Mrs. W. E. Sharp of Newton; a grandson, Leonard; a brother, John F. Searight of Los Angeles, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Catherine Rodgers of Montezuma.