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Jos. S. Thompson

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1932

Passes Away

Funeral services for Joseph S. Thompson were held in the Methodist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and were conducted by Dr. A. B. Cadwell. Mrs. A. B. Cadwell and Mrs. Roscoe Dempster sang "Going Down the Valley," "Nearer My God to Thee" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Pallbearers were J. Terpstra, Charles Sutton, Rufus Hummel, John Harvey, Hugh C. McDonough and J. L. McIlrath.

Joseph S. Thompson, son of John and Susan Jane Thompson, was born Aug. 4, 1859, in Muscatine county, Iowa, and passed away at his home two miles northeast of Grinnell June 2, 1932, being at the time of his death 72 years, 9 months and 29 days of age. He came with his parents to Poweshiek county in 1868 and they settled on a farm near Blue Point. He was married to Clara Risher Aug. 30, 1899. Three children were born to this union: James A., George E., and Inez M., all at home with their mother.

He was one of those honest, industrious men who thought for himself in all things, made his own decisions and lived his life in accordance with these. His one conclusion believing in right always and justice to all.

Being a carpenter by trade in the early part of his life and then later taking up farming, he thus formed a wide acquaintance and made a great many friends whom he always cherished and retained.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. Clara Thompson, two sons and one daughter, two brothers, Edd Thompson, Grinnell, and John Thompson of Valley Junction and two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Will Alley of Grinnell and Mrs. James Thompson of Montezuma and several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. His parents, two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Dear Father may your gift recall
The golden chain that binds us all
The links were fashioned in the
past

And on the forge of life were cast.