

10-15 BARTHOLOMEW VESTAL 1907

Bartholomew Vestal was born in Yadkin county, North Carolina, on the 12th day of April 1824. Mr. Vestal moved to Iowa in 1851 and has since resided in this state. For about twenty years he has been connected in business with his nephew, B. T. Vestal, at Searsboro and Ewart and was very successful.

He was a quiet, unassuming man, a man of honor and integrity, a man of whom all people spoke well. Early in life he was converted and joined the M. E. Church in which he has lived a life of devotion and a consecrated christian.

Mr. Vestal was never married and perhaps for this reason was bound the more closely to the families of near relatives and felt a closer kinship with his fellow men.

He died in this city on Friday afternoon at 4:30. Funeral services were conducted from the church at Blu Point at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. D. Phillips of Malcom. His sister, Mrs. Cheshire, and her son the Hon. Thomas Cheshire and niece, Mrs. Lewis Stanley, of Des Moines and Mr. and Mrs. Parey Spillman and Mrs. W. W. Sampson of Newton, a nephew and niece of Mr. Vestal were present at the funeral and a brother, Lee Vestal, of Minneapolis arrived Sunday evening too late to be present.

The very large number of neighbors and friends present at the funeral gave evidence of the high regard in which he was held by those who knew him.