

## OBITUARY

### THOMAS WILLIAMS

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Funeral services for Thomas Williams of Hartwick were conducted Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 27th at the Congregational church at Hartwick in charge of the Rev. George Schultz.

During the services Kenneth Lane, accompanied by Mrs. Claire Erickson, sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Beyond the Sunset". Interment was in the Brooklyn IOOF cemetery with the following serving as pallbearers, Jim Boatman, a son in law, and the following grandsons, James Peak, Maynard Neighbors, Donald Van Ersvelde, Raymond Williams and Robert Volkel.

In charge of the flowers were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Richman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rhinehart and Mr. and Mrs. David McIlrath.

Mr. Williams, 76 years old, died Monday morning, Jan. 25th, at St. Lukes hospital in Cedar Rapids where he had undergone surgery Jan. 17. He had been in failing health for the past few years.

Thomas Edwin Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams was born May 26, 1880 at Shrotshire, Oswestry, England, where he married Annie Jones Oct. 11, 1904. The family came to the United States five years later, settling on a farm near Brooklyn where they lived many years.

After retiring from the farm and moving into Brooklyn Mr. Williams was employed as custodian at the Brooklyn school for several years. In 1944 Mr. and Mrs. Williams moved to Hartwick where the former served as custodian of the Hartwick school until retiring from active work three years ago.

Mrs. Williams died Jan. 28, 1946. Two infant sons also preceded him in death.

Mr. Williams is survived by nine children. They are Mrs. William (Oatley) Martin, Mrs. Albert (Eva) Voelkel, Richard Williams, Robert Williams and Mrs. Frank (Sylvia) Van Ersvelde, all of Brooklyn, George Williams of Hartwick, Mrs. Arthur (Elsie) Martin of East Moline, Ill., Mrs. Jim (Irma) Boatman of Cedar Rapids and Lloyd Williams of Clarksville, Tenn.

He also leaves 23 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 2 half brothers living in Canada and 3 half brothers and 3 half sisters living in England.