## Ballard, William March 27, 1959

MAXWELL - Funeral services were held for William Ballard, Maxwell, on Friday; March 27, in the First Presbyterian church of Maxwell. Rev. Stanley Farmer officiated, assisted by Bill Ballard, grandson of the deceased Interment was in the Cambridge cemetery.

Mrs. Madeline Summitt, accompanied by Mrs. Ida Larsen on the organ, sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Those in charge of the flower arrangement were Mrs. Louise Hill, Mrs. Mary Rittgers and Mrs. Shirley Wierson.

Pallbearers, were Ralph Hunter, Ed. Hansen, S B. Rittgers, Marvin Canney, Norris Wierson and Glen Longcor, all of Maxwell. Honorary pallbearers were Orville Sutton, Francis Gardner, R. B. Bullard, Otto Davis, Harry Fackler and Leonard Link, also of Maxwell.

## Life Sketch

William Milton Ballard, son of born in Ballard Grove, which was located just north of Huxley in

Stery county on June 11, 1878, and died at the Story County Hospital on March 24, 1959 on their 56th wedding anniversary, at the age of 80 years, 9 months and 13 days.

Bill was a great grandson of one of the first white settlers in Story county. He was one of a family of eight children having five brothers and two sisters.

With the exception of 15 years he spent his entire life in Story county. He retired from farming and moved to his home in Maxwell in March, 1944 where he participated in community projects, particularly the Old Settlers pienic.

He was united in marriage to Laura E. Brown on March 24, 1903, at Cambridge, Iowa, and established their home there. To this union was born ten children, seven boys and three girls. Two sons and one daughter preceded him in death in infancy, also his parents, three brothers, one sister and one great granddaughter.

Bill was active until three years ago when his health failed and he underwent surgery from which he never fully recovered.

He is survived by his wife, five Elias and Mahalia Ballard, was sons: Floyd, Marshalltown, Claud, Collins, James, Forest City, Harold, Maxwell, Richard, Cambridge; and two daughters, Margaret (Mrs. Kenneth Myers) and Mapel (Mrs. Clarence Link) both of Maxwell; two brothers. Walter of Ames, and Bert of Highland Park, III, and one sister Mrs. Charlotte Robertson of Downey, Calif. Also 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

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