BOITNOTT, William Monroe

Hold Funeral Services
For William Boitnott
5-22-1942

Special to the Journal:

Maxwell, May 22—Funeral services for Wm. Boitnott, who died Sunday at the noon hour at his home in Maxwell, after suffering a paralytic stroke early Saturday morning, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Indian Creek Brethren church south of town and interment was in the Brethren cemetery near the church.

The rites were in charge of his pastor, the Rev. J. D. Brower. Mrs. Alice Gooden sang “Shadows” and Mrs. Gooden with Jimmie Beal sang “We're Going,” “The Valley,” and “Home of the Soul,” accompanied by Miss Dorothy Beal. The six sons were the pallbearers.

The pastor read the following life sketch:

"William Monroe Boitnott, son of James and Sarah Jamison Boitnott, was born June 23, 1867, at Dillon's Mill, in Franklin county, Virginia, and passed away May 17, 1942, at noon, at his home in Maxwell, Iowa at the age of 74 years, 10 months, and 25 days.

"When a small child his parents moved to Iowa and settled in Iowa Center, later moved to Tucker Lake. At the death of his father, he was sixteen and his mother took him and several younger brothers and sisters and went back to Virginia. He stayed two years in Virginia, then returned to Iowa where he spent the rest of his life."

"On December 11, 1888, he was united in marriage to Sadie Enfield. To this union was born eleven children. One son, Orville James and three daughters: May and Viola and Doris, preceded him in death.

"He leaves to mourn his death, his beloved wife; one daughter, Mrs. Edith Kaltenheuser of Cambridge, Iowa; six sons: Jay T., Cecil J., and Edgar D. of Roanoke, Virginia; Earl F. of Cambridge, Iowa; William B. of Des Moines, Iowa; George E. of Newton, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He has three brothers surviving: John of Gary, Indiana; Sam and Harry of Roanoke, Virginia; two sisters, Mrs. Effie Downs, Seattle, Washington, and Mrs. May Herbert of Roanoke, Virginia.

"He was a member of the Brethren church of south Maxwell. A devoted husband and father, he was always ready and glad to lend a helping hand to neighbors and friends."

Maxwell, May 20—Funeral rites for William M. Boitnott, 75, who died at his home here Sunday noon, following an epileptic stroke on Saturday at 2 a.m., were held this afternoon at the Brethren church, three miles south of Maxwell, with Rev. Brower in charge. Burial was in the Brethren cemetery.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Edith Kaltenheuser of Cambridge and six sons. The sons are Jay, Cecil and Edgar Boitnott of Virginia; Earl of Cambridge, William of Des Moines and George of Newton. There are also a number of grandchildren.

Mr. Boitnott had been a resident of this community for over fifty years. He was born in Franklin County, Virginia, but came to this community as a young man and here he had been a well-known figure and beloved resident for the balance of his life.