



D. W. Brown

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In the list of Story county's honored dead is to be found the name of David W. Brown, a highly successful farmer, who passed his entire life in this county and was intimately identified with its development. Born on the home farm July 16, 1866, he was the son of Levi and Louisa (Fancher) Brown, the former of whom was born at Hannibal, Oswego county, New York, and the latter in Tompkins county, New York. The father when seven years of age removed with his parents to Union county, Ohio, and in 1844 came to Lee county, Iowa, subsequently taking up his residence in Fulton county, Illinois. In 1865 he returned to Iowa and located in Story county, where he engaged with marked success in farming until his death, which took place September 6, 1892. He was an energetic man of practical business judgment and became the owner of three hundred and eighty acres of good land in this county.

David W. Brown received his education in the district schools and as he grew up devoted his attention to various duties about the house and farm with an interest which gave bright promise as to his future. At the age of seventeen years he took charge of the home place, which he cultivated on his own account, and also purchased one hundred and twenty acres a mile south of the home farm, which he owned for fifteen years and then sold, acquiring one hundred and twenty acres immediately adjoining the homestead. Upon the death of his father he received his share of the estate—the old home and eighty acres of land, making his entire farm holdings amount to two hundred acres.

On the 31st of January, 1890, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Elva G. Evans, a daughter of Thomas P. and Emma M. (Day) Evans, both natives of Indiana. The father removed from Indiana to Illinois with his parents in early childhood. He grew up in that state and at the time of the Civil war served in the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Infantry, continuing through the entire rebellion. In 1866 he located in Story county, Iowa, and on December 18, 1870, was married to Miss Emma M. Day, who passed away June 7, 1890. Mr. Evans continued to make his home upon his farm until the last year of his life, when he took up his residence with his daughter, Mrs. Brown, being called away October 12, 1909. He was one of the highly successful farmers of Collins township and was a man of unblemished character, very highly respected by the entire community. Politically he adhered to the democratic party and socially was identified with Amity Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, three of whom are now living, William Ray, Emma Blanche and Cloyd Myrl, all of whom are students in the public schools.

Mr. Brown from the time of arriving at voting age gave his support to the democratic party. He was not connected with any religious denomination, but Mrs. Brown is a valued member of the United Brethren church. He was for many years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and had many warm friends in that organization. Straightforward in business affairs and genial in manner, he readily made acquaintances, awakening in a remarkable degree the good-will of those with whom he came into contact. In all of the relations of life he was broad-minded and his aim was to be entirely just. He departed this life September 27, 1908. Mrs. Brown survives her husband and is living on the family homestead, devoting her time and energy to the interests of her children.

The interment was at Evergreen cemetery. The exercises at the grave were conducted by the I. O. O. F. of which deceased was a member. The pall bearers were members of the order, viz: Wm. King, Geo. McQuiston, Charles McQuiston, Frank Ball, Wm. McWherter, W. C. Rldgeway.

Deceased was one of our leading farmers and had gained a comfortable competency. An accidental discharge of dynamite caps in his pocket some years ago, and which shattered his limb, was the first cause of the ~~accident~~ that ended in his death. He has been a patient sufferer for many months and his departure is mourned by the stricken relatives and a large circle of friends. This community in town and country deeply regrets the death of this esteemed neighbor and friend, the loving father and devoted husband and sympathizes with the bereaved in their loss and sorrow,

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Death of David Brown. OBITUARY.

David William Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Brown, was born at the old Brown homestead July 16, 1866 and died at the same place, Sept. 27, 1908, age 42 years, 2 months and 11 days.

He was married January 31, 1890 to Elva G. Evans. To this union were born six children, three having preceded him to the other world. He leaves a devoted wife, two sons and one daughter, two sisters and one brother to mourn his departure. While he never made a profession, he expressed a readiness for the change, saying that he was not afraid to die.

The funeral was held at Willow Creek church Tuesday afternoon. Rev. C. E. Burton preached the sermon. The church was crowded and the cortege was one of the largest in the neighborhood for years. Willow Creek choir sang the sacred melodies. Floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Brown, David d. 9-27-1908