

Brown, Smith C. d. 11-26-1913

Smith C. Brown, son of Levi and Louisa Brown, was born December 27, 1858, in Fulton County, Illinois and departed this life November, 26, 1913, at Tryon, Neb. Had he lived until December 27, he would have been 55 years of age. At the age of six years he moved with his parents to Story county, Iowa, where he resided until four years ago when he moved with his family to Tryon, McPherson county, Neb. He was united in marriage to Mary E McClees, at Nevada, Iowa, April 23, 1890. To this union four children were born, namely: Mrs. Bertha S. Spencer, Bessie R. Brown, Charlie S. Brown, and George M. Brown all of Tryon, Neb. Besides these he leaves to mourn his death, his wife, one grand-daughter, Leona Spencer, and two sisters, Mrs. Lucy O'Connor of Hat Creek, Wyo., and Mrs. Laura Downing of Collins, Iowa, besides many relatives and friends. At the age of 26 years he united with the United Brethren Church, near Collins, Iowa, and remained a faithful member until death. Funeral services were held Friday morning at 10 o'clock conducted by Rev. W. H. Zenor, assisted by Rev. Chas. A. Shook. Interment in the Miller Cemetery.

Decased was a charter member of Sunbeam Lodge, Mystic Workers of the World, the members of which deeply regret his departure. He had many friends in Collins and neighborhood who are much grieved because of his death and give their sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and children. Smith Brown will long be remembered as a good friend and neighbor, a true citizen, a devoted husband and a kind father.

The above obituary was from the Tryon, Neb., Graphic. In addition we have a letter written by Mrs. Brown from which we cull the following:

"Mr. Brown died of paralysis. He has complained for five years, and during the past six months was not able to work. He was under the doctor's care most of the past summer. He has been bedfast since October 28 and remained in bed until he passed away. Mrs. Elsworth Downing and Lloyd Brown were at his bedside when he died, along with me and the children. The interment was in the Miller Cemetery, about ten miles from our home. He was so patient in his sickness and was willing and ready to meet his God, which is a great comfort to us, although the loss is hard to bear and it is so lonely without him."

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