

FERTIG, W. E.

d. 9 Nov. 1939

## DEATHS

W. E. FERTIG

W. E. Fertig, 69, last member of the old pioneer Fertig family that came to the Collins community in an early day, died at his home at Collins Wednesday, after a lingering illness.

He grew to manhood at Fort Collins, Colo., and was married to Alice Brown. Five children were born to this union.

Later the family moved back to Collins and again occupied the old homestead and the community has been the home since, part of the time on the farm and later in Collins. The wife died in 1919 and he was married again May 31, 1923, this time to Mrs. Eva Smith.

He is survived by his wife, the daughters Mrs. Noble Brown of Marion, Mrs. Persis Morrison of Battle Lake, Minn., Mrs. Beulah Carr and Mrs. Ethel Cooper of near Collins, the son Hugh of Collins and ten grandchildren.

*Mrs. Milepost*

Our community mourns the passing of another native son in the death of W. E. Fertig, which occurred Wednesday morning at 6:42 at his home in Collins.

Death came after a lingering illness and was not unexpected. Although bringing great sadness, it also brought final relief to the suffering that was beyond human aid.

Mr. Fertig would have been 69 years old Nov. 12.

Deceased was a son of William and Matilda Tritapoo Fertig, and was born on the old Fertig homestead east of Collins on Nov. 12, 1870. He was the last member of the old pioneer family that came here in an early day.

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When he was nine years old the family moved to Fort Collins, Colo., where they lived for a number of years and where the parents died. He grew to manhood there and was united in marriage to Alice Brown of Fort Collins. To this union were born five children, all of whom survive.

For a number of years Colorado was their home, and then Mr. and Mrs. Fertig came to Iowa, making their home on the Fertig homestead. Mrs. Fertig passed away here in 1919.

On May 31, 1923, he was married to Mrs. Eva Smith. About two and one-half years ago they came from the farm to make their home in Collins.

He is survived by his wife, the daughters Mrs. Noble Brown of Marion, Mrs. Persis Morrison of Battle Lake, Minn., Mrs. Beulah Carr and Mrs. Ethel Cooper of near Collins, the son Hugh of Collins and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at the Church of Christ in Collins Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be in Evergreen cemetery here.