

George, Charles

CHARLES GEORGE WAS LAID TO REST

Charles George, 89, for 58 years a resident of the Collins community, and the oldest member of Fervent Masonic lodge, died at his home here Friday night at 10:30.

Mr. George had never recovered from the effects of injuries sustained in a fall upon the ice on Jan. 8, and his death was from illness, due to that injury.

Born in Yorkshire, England, March 31, 1848, he came to America when 20 years of age, settling first in Illinois.

He was first married to Ann Brownbridge of Brighton, Mich., and they came immediately to Iowa, and settled on a farm near Collins, becoming part of the colony of English people, who had located in this community.

Three children were born to the couple. One died in infancy, while the others are William George of Ottumwa and Mrs. Pearl Viggers of Des Moines. The first wife died in 1921.

The second marriage was on Jan. 30, 1930, when he took Mrs. Etha Henson as a bride. She survives him.

Besides the one son and one daughter, he is survived by the wife, a step-son, Raymond Henson, of near Maxwell, 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

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He was a member of the Methodist church of Collins, in which he had always been active; was the oldest living member of Fervent lodge A. F. & A. M. of Collins and was also a member of the local chapter of the O. E. S. Mr. George had the distinction of holding the office of tyler of the local lodge for more than 40 years.

Mr. George will be truly mourned by the entire community and by many far beyond its boundaries, for his friends were numbered by his acquaintances.

Funeral services were held from the Collins Methodist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. C. E. Lookingbill, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Ida I. Roberts. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Mrs. K. W. Tomlinson, Miss Calla Wood, J. R. Witmer and J. G. Gingles, the piano accompanist being Mrs. Fred Mead.

Pall bearers were the following Masonic brothers: G. F. Holland, Elsworth Campbell, Elmer Bence, Walter Thompson, A. C. Heintz and J. E. Hale.

Interment was in Collins Evergreen cemetery under the ritualistic ceremonies of the Masonic Lodge, with W. C. Heintz in charge.

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