

Hand, William B. d. 3-15-1931

WILLIAM B. HAND CALLED BY DEATH

The community again mourns the passing of a highly respected pioneer in the death of William B. Hand, which occurred at his home Sunday night. Death followed a paralytic stroke which he suffered on Wednesday of last week.

About two years ago Mr. Hand suffered the first stroke which rendered him helpless for a long time and from which he never fully recovered.

The sympathy of all is extended the bereaved family.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Collins M. E. church, with the pastor, the Rev. John Adamson, in charge. The church was filled to its utmost capacity with sorrowing relatives, neighbors and friends who came to pay their last earthly tribute to one they loved.

Pall bearers were J. F. Donnelly, J. A. Oswalt, G. F. Holland, E. A. McCord, H. R. Sokol and Lloyd Cummings.

Interment was in Collins Evergreen cemetery, the services at the grave being under the ritualistic ceremonies of the Masonic order.

OBITUARY

William B. Hand, son of Joseph and Maria Hand, was born near Maxwell, Iowa, December 2, 1865, and passed away at his home northeast of Collins at nine o'clock Sunday evening, March 15, 1931, aged 65 years, 3 months and 13 days.

He grew to manhood in the Maxwell neighborhood, and was united in marriage with Rosetta Thompson of Collins October 18, 1887.

Immediately following their marriage, they left for Silver Creek, Nebraska, where they established their first home, moving a year later to Sidney, Nebraska, where they had purchased a ranch.

Returning to Collins in 1889, the family has lived in this vicinity for 40 years, having lived in their present home for 22 years.

To this union were born eight children, two of whom preceded their father in death, the oldest daughter, Mrs. Hazel Templeman, and a younger son, Verne.

Besides the bereaved wife, three sons and three daughters survive: Arthur M. and Fay E. of Collins, Alva at home, Mrs. Mable Pritchard and Mrs. Marie Dodd of Collins, and Mrs. Opal Grogg of Detroit, Mich.

He is also survived by 25 grandchildren. Three sisters survive him: Ida M. Welty, Lillian Prouty and Minnie Hull, all of the state of Washington.

Mr. Hand was affiliated with the Masonic and Eastern Star orders and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Having been converted at West Point in 1898, his daily life ever reflected his determination to live uprightly and in keeping with his understanding of what a consistent Christian life should be.

In the passing of William Hand his faithful companion has lost a devoted husband; his children an indulgent father, and the community a good neighbor and a loyal friend.

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