

Handsaker, John T. d. 9-12-1933

The funeral services for John T. Handsaker of north of Colo, who passed away at the home of his nephew, Roy Day, at Flaxville, Montana, Tuesday, Sept. 12, were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the M. E. church in Colo, after which interment was at the Nevada cemetery. Services were conducted by the Rev. G. O. Thompson of the Calvary Evangelical church of Colo. The pallbearers were Carl Little, Will Swinbank, Robert Jack, Lloyd Lounsberry, Manny Morell and Lou Morrell.

Mrs. Hattie McCord and Mrs. Walter Bamford had charge of the flowers. "Some Sweet Day", "Going Down the Valley," were sung by a quartet composed of Chas. Wilson, Chas. Lehman, Johnny Lounsberry and Sherm Rinehart, and a solo sung by Chas. Hall: "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." At the piano was Mrs. S. B. Goodenow, assisted by Theodore Christensen.

#### Obituary

John T. Handsaker was born on the old home place in Richland township, Story county, Ia., Dec. 18, 1859, and passed away Sept. 12, 1933, from heart complication, at the age of 73 years, 9 months and 24 days. He was the eldest son of William and Emily Handsaker. He was united in marriage to Margaret Lawman, March 11, 1882, and the following year purchased and moved to a raw prairie farm located on the northeast quarter of section 20, Sherman township, north of Colo, and together they faithfully worked on the building and improving into a modern farm home, adding to the farm from time to time.

It was here that their daughter Ethel, sons Ralph, John W. and Thomas L., were born. He remained here until the year 1919, when they moved to their new home located on the southwest quarter of section 21, in Sherman twp. Their daughter Ethel passed away Oct. 16, 1921, and his beloved wife died May 23 of this year, 1933. He is survived by his sons Ralph, John W. and Thomas, and 12 grandchildren. He has still living two sisters, Sabina Day and Nona Hynes, and two brothers, William and Harvey, all of Nevada and vicinity. He was also preceded in death by his parents, and brothers David and Greeley. Mr. Handsaker, thru his rise to one of central Iowa's most successful farmers, has always taken a keen interest in problems affecting human life and agriculture. He saw the first train come to Colo over the Chicago & Northwestern road, also saw many bands of Indians roaming over the prairie in the early days.

He has since its organization been secretary of one of Iowa's oldest successful Farmers' elevators, has held many positions of trust, and was also president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance association of Story county.

He was a studious reader and had a broad and liberal analysis of business, social and religious affairs. His success in every endeavor can be largely attributed to the considerate understanding of a loyal and helpful wife. Since her death only a few short months ago, life has been very lonely and has shown

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