

J. F. LINGENFELTER.

J. F. Lingenfelter, a prominent resident of Collins, is a member of the firm of Lingenfelter Brothers, one of the leading and best known mercantile concerns of Story county, conducting stores at Collins and Maxwell, Iowa, and one at Thayer, Kansas. His birth occurred in Warren county, Iowa, on the 4th of April, 1857, his parents being George W. and Sarah E. (Gilman) Ligenfelter, natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania respectively. Their marriage was celebrated in Indiana, where Michael Gilman, the maternal grandfather of our subject, conducted a woolen mill, George W. Lingenfelter entering his service as a commercial salesman. In 1855 Mr. Gilman established woolen mills at Palmyra, Warren county, Iowa, where Mr. Lingenfelter was associated with him until about 1868. At that time Mr. Gilman sold his business at Palmyra and removed to Summerset, Iowa, where he erected flouring and woolen mills. On severing his business relations with his father-in-law Mr. Lingenfelter took up farming in Warren county, also spending some time as clerk in the Palmyra stores. In 1880 he embarked in merchandising at Palmyra in association with his son, J. F., the partnership being maintained for about three years, when George W. Lingenfelter retired, J. F. Lingenfelter continuing the business for some three years longer.

On the expiration of that period our subject disposed of his mercantile interests and began buying and selling horses in association with his brother, W. E., being thus engaged until 1890. In January, 1891, the brothers came to Collins and bought the mercantile establishment of Hidy Brothers, beginning operations under the firm style of Lingenfelter Brothers. They continued dealing in horses, however, J. F. Lingenfelter managing the mercantile business and his brother the live stock interests. In 1904 they purchased the mercantile establishment of Miller & Miller in Maxwell,

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Lingenfelter, James F.

James Franklin Lingenfelter was born at Palmyra, Ia., April 4th, 1857 and departed this life Oct. 31st, 1913, age 56 years, 6 months, and 27 days.

He was the oldest son of Geo. W. and Lizzie Gilman Lingenfelter.

The early life of James F. was spent on the farm in Warren Co. In 1879 he went to Leadville, Colo., where he remained until the fall of 1882 when he returned to Iowa and engaged with his father in the general merchandise business at Palmyra. In 1890 he moved to Collins, taking over the mercantile business of Hidy Bros. of this place. At the present time Mr. Lingenfelter was engaged in the mercantile business at

Maxwell, Iowa.

In 1887 Mr. Lingenfelter was married to Miss Jennie Jamison of Palmyra. To this union were born two children, George F. born in Palmyra Feb. 5th 1889 and Harold A. born in Collins, October 1st, 1894.

Mr. Lingenfelter was a man of sterling character, upright and straightforward in his dealings with men. While never uniting with the church, he was a man of faith, and expressed faith in God and laid claim to the Christian's Hope for the future. All God's children are not enrolled upon church records, and this was one of the "other sheep" of whom Christ spoke. He realized too late for the greater service, that he could

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Mr. Lingenfelter of this review assuming the management of both the Collins and Maxwell stores. In 1905 they opened another branch store in Cambridge, of which W. E. Lingenfelter took charge. Three years later, however, they disposed of this store, trading it for Kossuth county land. In the fall of 1910 W. E. Lingenfelter opened a branch store at Thayer, Kansas, and has since conducted the same. George W. Lingenfelter, the father of our subject, came to Collins in 1891 and was actively engaged in the conduct of the business of Lingenfelter Brothers for ten years. In 1901

the Collins store was destroyed by fire, but J. F. Lingenfelter had previously erected his present brick store building and, with the salvage that had escaped the flames, established the firm of Cooper, Halterman & Company, his partners being two young men who had heretofore been in his employ. It was Mr. Lingenfelter's intention to retire from active business here, but Mr. Cooper died a year after the organization of the firm and for a year and a half the business was conducted under the style of Lingenfelter & Halterman. The senior partner then bought out his associate and the concern has since been known as Lingenfelter Brothers. In business affairs Mr. Lingenfelter has always displayed keen judgment and excellent executive ability, and the success that he now enjoys is well merited.

In 1888 Mr. Lingenfelter was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Jamison, of Palmyra, Iowa, by whom he has two children, namely: George F., a graduate of the Capital City Business College at Des Moines; and Harold A., a high school student.

Mr. Lingenfelter exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy but has had neither time nor inclination for office holding, having served only as a member of the first town council of Collins. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Fer-vent Lodge No. 513, A. F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Modern

Woodmen of America and the Yeomen of America. His life has been most honorable and upright in its varied relations and his fellow citizens instinctively pay deference to him because of what he has accomplished and the principles which have governed his conduct.

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have better served his master in the organization instituted by Him to carry forward the work begun and would urge all his friends not to neglect this means of serving God and man.

His father Geo. W. Lingenfelter's death preceded his but a few weeks.

There survive to mourn their loss, his wife and two sons, his only brother W. E. Lingenfelter, and sister Miss Minnie Lingenfelter, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

He died at the home of his cousin Michael Gilman, of Colorado Springs, Colo., surrounded by his immediate family, looking into the eyes of those he loved best on earth, conscious till the last breath wafted his soul to the God who gave it.

Funeral services were held from the home, by Rev. M. E. Goodrich, late of Maxwell, Ia., now pastor of Capital Park Methodist Church, Des Moines, Iowa. The burial was under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of Collins; the body was laid to rest, to be risen to a completer life hereafter.

Interment in Evergreen  
Cemetery, Collins, Iowa



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The obituary of J. F. Lingenfelter is as above. His death is sincerely regretted by his old neighbors and friends, especially the business men of Collins, who knew him as a merchant and honorable competitor. He was a high grade business man. He devoted many years' service to the city council and especially to the school board. He was chairman of the latter when the splendid new school building was erected and his superior business ability contributed largely to the success of that undertaking. The citizens and surrounding communities deeply

sympathize with the bereaved wife,—the sons, George and Harold, and other bereaved relatives.

Deceased was a loyal mason. When the body arrived Sunday, accompanying it from Colorado Springs were Mrs. J. F. Lingenfelter and sons George and Harold. The masons escorted the casket from the depot to the residence. The masons' service at the grave was very impressive. The ritual exercises were led by W. H. Thompson, W. M. Masons were present from neighboring towns and joined with Fervent Lodge in service.

The following relatives from a distance were present at the funeral, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lingenfelter, Des Moines; Isaac Jamison, Ackworth;

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Flesher, New Virginia; D. A. Jamison and Mrs. R. E. Cox, Ackworth; Mrs. H. E. Fuller, Marshalltown; Mrs. Anna Mote and Mrs. Mamie Hamer, Des Moines.