

Death of Mrs. Mary Hale.

OBITUARY

Mary Sullen was born in Onondaga County, N. Y. She came with her parents to Colo, Story County, Iowa in 1876. She was married to Aaron Hale in 1886. She died at her home in Collins township, Story Co., August 15th, 1908, aged 47 years, 10 months and 18 days, after an illness of ten days with erysipelas. The immediate cause of death was blood poisoning.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church of Collins Sunday afternoon. Rev. L. A. Fleming preached an eloquent and comforting sermon suitable for the solemn occasion. A large choir sang the hymns with tender expression. Beautiful floral tributes were evidences of the esteem in which deceased was held by her neighbors and friends, who with the general public could not all be accommodated inside the building.

The I. O. O. F. attended in a body in sympathy with their fellow member, Mr. Hale, in his sudden and sore bereavement.

The interment was at Evergreen Cemetery, where the exercises were concluded. The pall bearers were A. H. and J. L. Kelderhouse, Fred Holtby, Percy Tuft, John Southern and Albert Heintz.

Mrs. Hale's death was a shock to the neighborhood. The short sickness made the death a sad surprise. All available medical skill was used and everything possible was done to avoid the fatal issue, but without avail. She was unconscious fully a day before she died. Her death was easy.

She was one of the best known in this vicinity, was much respected, and her pleasant greeting will be often missed in town and country. She left no surviving children. The principal mourners are Mr. Hale, her husband; Fred Hale, adopted son; and Mrs. Anna Ashelford, her sister. Her parents are dead, and their children only included the two girls.

Those from a distance at the funeral were Mrs. Anna Ashellford, of Sycamore, Ill; Andy Hale, wife and family of Rhodes, Iowa; J. I. Hale and daughter of Fort Dodge; Thomas Hale of Iowa Falls. The three gentlemen named are brothers of the bereaved husband.

Card of Thanks.

We give our heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who were so devoted and sympathetic in the sickness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Mary Hale. Especially are we grateful to Mrs. Sarah Blue, who did so much in helping at the time of suffering and stayed by our revered one till the close of life. We also thank the Odd Fellows for their sympathy and attendance at the funeral.

AARON HALE, husband

FRED HALE, son

ANNA ASHELLFORD, sister

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