

DAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1926.

PIONEER PASSES TO HIS REWARD

G. H.
Johnson
Alexander
M. A. Porter, Poweshiek Settler of 1854, Passes Away At His Home Here.

HAD BEEN FAILING IN HEALTH FOR PAST YEAR

Funeral Services Were Held From M. E. Church This Afternoon—Burial In Montezuma.

The death of J. A. Porter takes away from Poweshiek county one of its earliest settlers, who as boy and man has lived here seventy-two years. During his entire life he enjoyed a reputation for honesty, integrity and industry second to none. In his private life and in his service to the public he was conscientious, earnest and straightforward. If you met Mr. Porter you at once recognized him as a man worth knowing, a man who loved and lived the better things in life. His death is a real loss to the community.

Johnson Alexander Porter was born in Carroll County, Ohio, April 15, 1845. The early years of his life were spent in that state where his father, Alexander Porter, was engaged in farming. At the age of nine he accompanied his parents to Iowa and settled with them near Montezuma. With the exception of a short period spent in the West he has been a resident of Poweshiek county ever since.

On returning from the West he elected farming as a profession and located about one mile east of Ewart, near what became the old family farmstead. For many years he was one of Pleasant Township's most progressive farmers and an active force in public life as a member of the board of supervisors and member of the local school board.

He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Farmer, also of Pleasant township on Oct. 15, 1874. To this union were born two sons, Ernest Owen, of Grinnell, and Arthur Claire, of Des Moines, both of whom survive him in death. It was one of the bright spots of his life that he lived to celebrate the golden anniversary of his marriage two years ago, and the wife of his youth survives him to mourn the loss of a loving husband.

In 1908 he moved to Grinnell seeking retirement as a reward for many years of arduous effort on the farm and devotion to public trust. Here he spent his declining years directing his farm interests and renewing friendships with other pioneer settlers and long time residents of the city.

His first faith in the church was professed in the early years of his residence near Ewart when he was received into the Methodist Episcopal church of that place on probation by the late Matt S. Hughes, who was then its pastor. He was also a member of the Masonic order, having affiliated with that brotherhood in Montezuma over fifty years ago.

Throughout his entire life he enjoyed good health and was an active worker. About one year ago his health began to fail and on Monday, Sept. 6, he was seized with his fatal illness. Death came peacefully Sunday morning, Sept. 12.

Besides his wife and two sons he is survived by two brothers, Joseph M., of Ewart, and Sampson J. of Storm Lake, and three grandchildren, Claire, Louise and Paul. To these and his many other relatives, his death comes as an irreparable loss, as his thoughtfulness, patience and kindness are qualities they will forever miss.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church at 1:20 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. George Blagg. Mrs. D. H. Snook and Mrs. A. S. Ennis sang very sweetly "Abide With Me" and "When the Silver Chord Is Broken."

The pall bearers were J. J. Mullin, Dr. J. W. Souter, C. Powell, Martin Eichhorn, H. O. Shaw and Roy Terrell. Interment was made in the Montezuma cemetery.