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**Twain of Elderly Harlan Persons Taken By Death**

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residence on south Seventh street were recently conveyed to his daughter Petra, who has cared for him.

Mr. Johnson was born in Vrost, Gunnerrup Sogn, Aalborg Amt, Denmark, Feb. 29, 1852, and was at his death 78 years, 3 months and 17 days of age.

He landed in the United States April 6th, 1869, coming directly to Shelby county.

He was united in marriage to Petre Petersen Nov. 2, 1878, and to this union two daughters were born: Petra and Annie. Mrs. Johnson passed away Jan. 27, 1882, and Annie followed her mother in death four days later. Miss Petra, who survives her father, feels most keenly the passing of a loving parent. Mr. Johnson also leaves several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at Bethel Baptist church, Tuesday, June 17, in charge of Rev. M. C. Carstensen. The body was laid to rest in the Cuppy's Grove cemetery.

**Card of Thanks.**

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks, to all the friends and neighbors, for the kindness and sympathy shown to me during the illness and death of my father.

PETRA JOHNSON.

**MARY STUTSMAN-ALLEN.**

Mrs. Mary Stutsman-Allen was the sole survivor of Jonathan B. Stutsman, a western Iowa pioneer. So far as Mrs. Allen knew, she had no living relatives.

She made her home in Harlan most of the time since she was a young woman, and had attained the age of 74 years, 9 months and 12 days when she answered the final call.

Mrs. Allen had inherited considerable property from her father, and had the reputation of being a good business woman, with the ability to well care for her holdings. We are unable to state to what extent her holdings had accumulated, but they are supposed to have included many real estate mortgages and other securities, the home in Harlan, just east of the high school building and the business block comprising the Dacken & Abrell barber shop, the Harmony Cafe and the Marquesen

Grocery. Current rumor is to the effect that these properties have been bequeathed to the Church of Christ Scientist, in which faith Mrs. Allen's beliefs were strongly founded.

Mrs. Allen's father, Jonatha Stutsman, was a pioneer trader in Council Bluffs, where he dealt with emigrants, pioneer settlers and Indians. He went to Council Bluffs about 1864, from St. Louis. Shortly after his first stop there, he returned to St. Louis, was married, and settled in Council Bluffs permanently in 1848. He was possessed of a large tract of land which he obtained from the government, the southwest corner of which was close to the location of the present Broadway Methodist church. He platted the ground now known as Stutsman's first and second additions, and one of the old residential streets of Council Bluffs is named in his memory.

When his daughter, the subject of this sketch, was about ten years old, the Stutsman family started by ox wagon train to Oregon. The elder Stutsman had acquired a mine of some kind in Oregon, we are informed by a Mr. Reid of Council Bluffs, a family friend. He organized the train of pioneers across the plains and mountains, and his daughter rode the route on a pony.

The western trip proved disappointing, and the family returned to Iowa, and came to Shelby county, which remained the family home subsequently.

Mary Stutsman was married, when 18 years of age, to Mr. Allen. Our informant was unable to tell us his name. His body is interred in the Harlan cemetery, where it was laid to rest in 1891. He died somewhere in the south, and the body was brought here.

No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen. The husband was a railroad telegraph operator and station agent, and in his work occupied positions for many years at St. Joseph, Mo., and in Wyoming or Idaho.

Since 1891, and presumably several years prior to that time, Mrs. Allen's home was made in Harlan. She lives in the memories of her friends as a pleasant, gracious woman.

The funeral, held jointly under the supervision of J. L. Troyer and Carley B. Schack, was held Wednesday afternoon at the Schack & Swinehart mortuary. Rev. C. Wm. Bast of the Congregational church, preached the memorial message, and the Rebekah lodge, by request, took charge of the service.

**OVER OUR COUNTRY**

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sorenson and infant daughter, Marilyn, and Mrs. Mike Fromm arrived here Thursday of last week from a visit of several days with Mr. Sorenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sorenson of Summit, S. D. The family reunion proved to have been planned for the preceding Sunday, with 25 present. Among those present were the families of Mrs. Alvin French of Downs, and Haddon Sorenson of De Smet. S. D. Gordon's father is 76 years of age and in good physical condition. The senior Sorensens have considered moving back to Harlan. The Pontiac car which Gordon drove made the 376 mile trip in 12 hours, which included 1 hour off for dinner and more time for an afternoon lunch, in accordance with an old Danish custom. Gordon had a fine time fishing, a party of which he was a member relieved the congestion of the river tribe of more than 100 boat heads, and croppies on one occasion, and upon a trip to Bigstone Lake they snared more than fifty

Leonard Fiscus and Frank Dobbs, 13 and 11 years of age respectively, have taken leave of their homes in Harlan and wandered off. Relatives, seeking assistance of Sheriff George Jensen are attempting to get word of the two lads. They disappeared Monday and were seen in Council Bluffs Saturday. One of the boys, Frank Dobbs, disappeared from home once previously.

The Iowa Club of Seattle with its 2200 members will hold its annual picnic in Woodland Park Sunday, July 13. All former members and their families are cordially invited to attend. Please write your Iowa friends in the Northwest and notify them of the picnic. E. R. Thomas, Pres., care of E. R. Thomas and Co., Inc., 1021 Third Ave., Seattle.

A Chevrolet automobile belonging to Carl Graham was seized to satisfy a judgment obtained against Frank Grabill. Grabill's car was struck recently by the Chevrolet at the intersection of Prima roads 4 and 39. Grabill placed bid of the amount of the judgment and costs against the seized car and got it, assuming a mortgage against the car.

Miss Vira Cass, former Harlan resident and graduate of one of the earlier classes from the Harlan high school, has been visiting Harlan friends during the last several days. Miss Cass, we