

John A. Scott Called Away to Eternal Rest

One of Dow City's prominent business men and citizens passed out of earthly relation at his home early last Friday morning. After more than two year's of declining health "Jack," Scott, as he was universally known, sank into a rest free of all troubles common to those of this life. After consulting several doctors and specialists he made a trip to Iowa City where it was hoped that he had found relief for his troubles. After coming home, he gradually grew weaker until the end came.

Mr. Scott was a blacksmith and shoe maker and was one of the best in his trade. He was at one time mayor of the town and his influence always thrown in the direction of what he deemed to be right and just. His going has been lamented by many who knew his fearlessness and his steadfastness to friend.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the M. E. church with Rev. B. F. Hamilton in charge of the services which were marked by simplicity and directness.

Six of his former associates, Mark Piersall, Zeph Fienhold, Mark Goddard, Ned Wilder, Wilbur Berry, and Ed Riddle acted as casket carriers and an octette composed of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glassburner, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dillenberger, Thomas Walters, Gene Wiggins, Mrs. Robt. Lusk, and Mrs. Dorris Griffin sang the appropriate selections.

Rev. Hamilton read the twenty-third Psalm and after prayer delivered a beautiful, thoughtful and impressive sermon.

He began by saying that he had been requested to give a plain and simple discourse. He paused long enough to say that a citizen of the town remarked of the man that no man Dow City ever had was so staunch a friend of law enforcement and respect for law and no better citizen ever lived in the town. That was the greatest eulogy that might be given to any man. Then he read his text, "Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted." Thus he explained was the highest privilege of man to love and mourn. Mourning is but the flowing on of love even if the object of devotion is gone. And love still flows on even if one had gone. Friends may soften the wounds by kind words and

acts but like the injury to the tree it may be healed over and hid but the wound remains. And this sorrow, he said, Christ has promised to help heal and soften and that in the quiet hours of the night he will cheer and comfort because he alone understands the heart and innermost thoughts of men. It is "Better to have loved and lost; than not to have loved at all" because love is the purifying factor in our lives. Love has a wealth of memories in hours of association, in hours of need, in hours of suffering; in the hours of accomplishment and in the companionship of devotion. Those who mourn some time, too, go on into the richer fuller to find the life of those gone before. Each must take up his life broken in the middle and while life seems different, it but grows into the waters of time and flows on the shores of eternity.

He then read this short history of the deceased,

"Jonathan Albert Scott, son of William and Mary Ann Garland Scott, was born near North Gower, Ontario, Canada, February 25, 1869.

He moved with his parents to Dow City, Iowa in December of the same year. In 1890 he went to Chicago where he worked in the Pullman car shops for a few months. Later he went to Oregon where he remained for about three years. After this he returned to Dow City and continued his residence here until his death which occurred October 9th at 5:40 a. m. He was united in marriage to Lucy Ballengee, March 9, 1902. To this marriage were born four children; Donald Joseph who died in infancy, Mable Agnes, Ruth Evelyn and Howard Eugene. Beside his wife and children he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Mary A. Hardy, Mrs. Sarah Lewis, Mrs. Tillie Hollowell and Ellen G. Scott, and one brother, Henry G. Scott. One sister and two brothers preceded him in death, Barbara A., James and William Garland Scott."

He was a member in the Modern Woodmen lodge. Interment was made in the Dow City cemetery.

Relatives attending the funeral from a distance were: Ellen Scott, Mapleton; E. E. Edwards and wife, of Armour, South Dakota, Miss Rosalia Scott, Marshalltown, Iowa; Jas. Scott and wife, Des Moines; and Garfield Hale, Ft. Dodge.

Brother of
Tillie Scott Hollowell