

Jesse R. Toler Prairie Home Died Saturday

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FUNERAL HELD AT
M. E. CHURCH MONDAY

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Jesse Robert Toler, a well known and highly respected citizen of the Prairie Home community, died Saturday afternoon at the home of his sons, O. K. and G. C. Toler. Mr. Toler had been in poor health for some time with occasional serious attacks of illness but his death came as a result of a paralytic stroke suffered April 23. Had he lived until May 15 he would have been 73 years of age as he was born on May 15, 1857. He was the son of Elijah and Nancy (Drinkwater) Toler, and was born at the homestead where he died, and where he had lived all of his life with the exception of about five years residence in Prairie Home.

This home farm was entered from the government by his father more than one hundred years ago and has since been in continuous possession of the family, the original land grant signed by Martin VanBuren, president, being one of the treasured heirlooms of his sons. Mr. Toler came of sturdy, honest pioneer stock. His father with a wife, two children, and two maiden sisters came to this country from Virginia in an oxdrawn covered wagon. His wife died not many years after coming to this part of the country, leaving three sons, Thos., William, and Henry.

Jesse was the son of a second marriage. Jesse married Ella Ann Oakman in his young manhood and to them were born six sons, the wife dying on Aug. 5, 1923. The sons survive and were at his bedside. They are: Roy, of Kansas City, O. K. and Grover, of the homestead; Frank, of Charlotte, N. C.; Joe, of Sedalla; Freeman, of Jefferson City. There are seven grandchildren and two sisters: Mrs. Mary Shoemaker, of Enon; Mrs. Martha Ellen Ritchie, of Wright City; one brother, John E. of Versailles.

Funeral services, attended by an unusually large crowd of friends and relatives were held at 11-Monday morning at the Prairie Home M. E. church where Mr. Toler had held his membership for several years, conducted by the pastor, Rev. N. M. Dowdy. The six sons were the pallbearers. Interment was in the family lot at Walnut Grove cemetery, Boonville.

Mr. Toler was an upright, honest, law-abiding citizen, an affectionate father, greatly devoted to his family, a good neighbor, a kindly, courteous gentleman.

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Mrs. Henry Rapp of Boonville Dies

Passed Away Suddenly Sunday
Night at Home—Funeral
Held Wednesday

Mrs. Henry Rapp, wife of a well known farmer four miles east of Boonville, died suddenly Sunday night at about 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. Rapp had apparently been in usual good health, but was taken suddenly ill following supper, and gradually became worse until her death.

Mary Ellen Gilson, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Jane Gilson, was born Jan. 30, 1881, in Boonville. She was married to Henry Rapp Jan. 7, 1902. Five daughters and one son, beside the husband, survive. They are: Isabelle, Frances, Louise, Bessie, Helen, and Joe, all of the home. Mrs. Rapp also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Emil Boehm and Mrs. Fred Rapp, Boonville, and two brothers, Ira Gilson, Boonville, and Sam Gilson, Holden.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home east of Boonville, conducted by Rev. Frederick Stoerker, pastor of the Boonville Evangelical church. Burial was made in Walnut Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Bower Hickam, Joe Hickam, Godfrey Vivian, Dave Hurt, B. J. Cross, and Chas. Wooldridge.

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