

OBITUARY

Andrew Burt Sr. was born Dec. 25, 1863, in McKeesport, Pa., and passed away in Armstrong Nov. 26, 1953 at the age of 89 years, 11 months.

He fell and sustained a fractured hip two years ago last Aug. 20 and had been bedfast ever since. He was in the hospital until about a year ago when he was brought to the home of his son, Alva, where he passed away.

He was the son of Joseph and Helen Burt and was the youngest and last surviving member of a family of nine children. His parents came to America from Keltly, Fifeshire, Scotland, in April, 1852, and settled in the coal mining regions near Pittsburg Pa. In the autumn of 1865 the family came from Lowellville, Ohio, to Fort Dodge where they were met by his uncle, Tom MacArthur who took the family to his home near Algona. Leaving the other members of the family there, his father who had filed for a homestead in the spring of 1865, went to start building on the homestead in Seneca township. After completing the home his family joined him and Andrew lived there until manhood.

On March 14, 1889, he was united in marriage to Susan Mitchell. To this union were born seven children, Glen of Estherville; Andrew Jr. of Armstrong; Mrs. Helen Wood of Algona; Joe of Estherville; Mrs. Neil Helmers of Dunnell, Minn.; Robert of Fenton; Alva of Armstrong.

After his marriage he continued to live on the farm where he was raised until the year 1895 when they moved into Armstrong where Andrew ran a livery stable, located at that time where the Pape garage now is. The spring of 1897 they moved to the farm again and continued to live there until the spring of 1931 when he and his wife retired from farming and moved into Armstrong to spend the rest of their days.

His faithfulness and respect to his wife while she was living as well as to her memory after her departure from this life on June 14, 1937, were commendable traits of his character.

He loved his home and that was where he enjoyed staying. He was honest of intention and a keen observer of human nature, and always interested in the well-being of his children and their

families. When he was in good health he was possessed of much humor and wit.

Last rites for him were held in the Presbyterian church in Armstrong, Saturday, Nov. 28, at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Alex Orr in charge. Interment was in the Armstrong Grove cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his passing his seven children, all of whom were present at his funeral; and 16 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

The grandchildren and their families present at the services included Mr. and Mrs. Rosswell Aust and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Teachout and family of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Merton McKean and family of Algona; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helmers, Donald Helmers, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kenoccke and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Arndt of Dunnell; Joe Burt of Estherville, Gordon Burt of Fenton; Mr. and Mrs. Darold Berhow, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pehrson and family and Marilyn Burt of Armstrong.

Other out of town relatives were Mr. and Mrs. John Christopher Mr. and Mrs. Allan Burt and Barbara Lou of Grand Rapids, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Burt and James of Minneapolis; Wm. Gibbs of Galesburg, N. D.