

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE 23 Sep 1944 PROMINENT STOCKMAN IS DEAD

Harry C. Kearney, 61, Farmer and Stockman, Dies Friday Morning

End Comes At East St. Louis Hospital; Burial at Lovington

Harry C. Kearney, 61, well known farmer and stockman, passed away early Friday at St. Mary's hospital in East St. Louis, where he was taken on Monday, following a stroke at the National Stockyards where he had gone on business. Mr. Kearney never rallied after being stricken, although members of the family felt that while he could not speak, he knew they were near. On Thursday it was noted that he was failing and he lingered until 1 a.m. Friday.

The body was removed to the Dewey & Son Mortuary in Greenville where short services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, conducted by the Rev. R. Frank Mitchell, pastor of the Greenville Presbyterian Church. Later L. D. McMullin, an undertaker from Sullivan, an old friend of the family, removed the body to Lovington, the former home of the Kearneys.

Active pall bearers were Vernon Wells, F.T. Rowland, Fred E. Martin, John D. Biggs, Merritt Campbell, A.C. Dixon, N.E. Dressor and Dr. Wm. Hall.

Honorary pall bearers here were C.T. Wheat, C.H. Davis, T.D. Anderson, Shelby Young, H.M. Dewey, Henry Riggan, Raymon Genre and Chas. F. Malloy. The floral tributes were many and varied and were handled by friends of Mrs. Kearney. Many friends from Carlyle, Vandalia, Alton, Patoka, Altamont and other towns were here for the funeral Saturday afternoon. About 20 friends of Mr. Kearney from the National Stockyards attended the service here and were seated in a body. These included Joe Andrews, a close associate of Mr. Kearney, who declared no man was better known at the stockyards than Mr. Kearney, and he positively knew that the later has sold 22,000 hogs on that market. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews also went to Lovington for the service Sunday when old neighbors and friends in great numbers filled the Methodist church to overflowing and accompanied the remains to the Kellar Cemetery for interment. The Rev. K.V. White conducted the funeral service at Lovington.

Harry Corwin Kearney was a son of Thomas C. and Sarah Elizabeth Kearney, and he was born at Lovington, September 22, 1882. He was graduated from Lovington High School and attended the University of Illinois. On October 30, 1906 he married Miss Lillie E. Cheever, and to them was born a daughter, Helen Crete, now Mrs. Keith Blanchard of Decatur. Mrs. Kearney died June 8, 1915 and on October 27, 1921 he married Miss Dorothy F. Griggs. One son Thomas Griggs, was born and died in infancy.

Mr. Kearney is survived by his wife, his daughter, a granddaughter, Barbara Blanchard of Decatur, two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. Kearney was a 32nd degree Mason.

Mr. Kearney possessed a peculiar kindly nature, which characterizes few. He was generous with others to a fault; the door of his home stood ajar to his friends and his hospitality knew no bounds.

As a young man, Mr. Kearney was converted and became a member of the Methodist church. On coming to Greenville he united with the Greenville Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Kearney came to Bond County about 15 years ago and bought the late S.T. Henry farm south of town where he pastured large herds of cattle, held large sales and fed and fattened

many sheep and hogs for the market. For many years he had follow the occupation of Auctioneer and spent several days each week on the National Stock Yard markets in East St. Louis, and also at Chattanooga and Memphis, Tenn., and Jackson, Miss.

Those who went to Lovington Sunday for the funeral and burial were Judge and Mrs. John D. Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Davis, Mrs. Bess D. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Dressor, Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beccue, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaffner, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hockett, Mrs. Elmer Rule, Bob Miller, Geo. Dwyer and Charles Clore.

Mrs. Ralph E. McEldowney of Fairfield, Conn., a sister of Mrs. Kearney, arrived Sunday just before the funeral at Lovington, and accompanied her to her home here Sunday, to visit for a week or so.