

Tom Evans, Former Beaman Banker, Dies

Tom L. Evans, former Beaman banker and for many years an outstanding member of the Grundy county board of supervisors, died at the Burke Nursing Home at Union on Monday. He was taken to the home for care and treatment a few months ago. He was 77 years old on September 11 of last year.

Suffers Stroke and Broken Hip

Mr. Evans suffered a stroke at his home at Beaman early last November. He fell at the time and broke a bone in his hip. He was taken to the Evangelical hospital at Marshalltown where he was a patient a few months after which he was taken to the nursing home, where for a time it was believed he was on the way to full recovery.

Was One of Most Widely Known Men in County

Tom Evans for many years was one of the most widely known and most influential men in Grundy

county. He came from one of the pioneer families in southwest Grundy. He was a son of Martir Van Buren Evans. He was born on a farm in Marshall county, but at the age of three weeks he came with his family to Beaman and resided there during the remainder of his life. His father started the Farmers Savings Bank at Beaman shortly after the family moved there. The father remained the head of the bank for several years and upon his retirement the son Tom L. Evans became manager and president of the bank. He held that position until he sold his major interest in the bank and retired in 1940 and continued to make his home in Beaman. He was married to Ora Eggleston June 12, 1907.

The Farmers Savings Bank at

T. L. EVANS—

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Beaman, by many known as the Evans bank, was the only bank in Grundy county that remained in sound standing and retained its management during the depression of the early thirties when most of the banks in Iowa went into receivership. It was due to the wise and conservative management of Mr. Evans that the Beaman bank stood up soundly during the period of the bank calamity.

Tom Evans served 15 years as a member of the Grundy county board of supervisors from the Clay-Felix district. That was the longest period of service of any Grundy county supervisor. During his years of service on the county board, he was chosen as the board's chairman for the years 1928, 1929, 1933 and 1936. His wise and honest counsel rendered his county valuable service during the many years that he helped to direct the county's official business.

Baseball Was His Hobby

Baseball was Tom Evans' hobby. He played the game from the time he was old enough to throw a ball until advanced age put him on the sidelines. After he quit playing, for many years he followed the game as an umpire, and amateur teams in many towns in Central Iowa called upon his services.

During his active years Tom Evans was a leader and promoter of local and county activities. He also took an active interest in politics.

The Evans Had No Children

Mr. and Mrs. Evans had no

children, though they were fond of youngsters. A niece, now Mrs. Richard Vint from Beaman, grew up and was treated as a daughter in the Evans home.

Mrs. Evans died a year ago last September. Following her death, a housekeeper took care of the Evans home.

A Sister, Nieces and Nephews Survive

Surviving Mr. Evans is his sister, Mrs. Grace Stull from Beaman, and several nephews and nieces. There are hundreds of others who remember Tom Evans as a good citizen and a good friend.

Mr. Evans was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Conrad and of the El Kahir Shrine at Cedar Rapids. He received his 50 year Masonic certificate last year.

Services Friday Afternoon

Funeral services for Tom Evans will be at the Johnston Funeral Home at Conrad at two o'clock Friday afternoon. The services will be conducted by Rev. Wayne Wasta, pastor of the Methodist church at Beaman. Burial will be

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by the side of the wife in Riverside cemetery at Marshalltown.