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Morgan County, Tennessee, in August, 1875, joining the Virginia Conference March 5, 1880, at Norfolk, Va. On June 5, 1881, he was united in marriage to Louisa L. Fanning of Bland County, Va. Three years later he was ordained deacon and admitted into full connection in the ministry of our church at Mount Sidney, Va.

His early ministry consisted of circuit riding in the mountains of Virginia and Tennessee, and many are the interesting incidents he was fond of telling of those early experiences. In 1887 he moved with his family to Nebraska, transferring to the North Nebraska Conference in September of that year at Fremont. A year later he was ordained elder at Central City, Nebraska. Since moving to Nebraska this state has been his home, and he held pastorates in various points over the state until 1899 when he retired from the active ministry. In 1904 he moved with his family to Stuart, Nebraska, where he has since resided; part of the time was spent on a homestead north of Stuart.

He leaves to mourn him his widow, Mrs. Louisa L. Wilson, Stuart, Nebraska; Arthur Wilson, 3805 Franklin, Des Moines, Iowa; Howard Wilson, 3068 Myrtle street, Sioux City, Iowa; Dr. Fred L. Wilson, Stuart, Nebraska; Frank P. Wilson, Stuart, Nebraska; Mrs. Truman Hamilton, 0431 Norfolk avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska; Mrs. Harry Cowles, Stuart, Nebraska. All the children were at his bedside when he passed into the beyond. Pierce, the second son, preceded his father by eighteen years.

In his death the community has suffered a distinct loss. He was a man who gave freely of his strength and talents to aid and assist humanity, and the world is better because of his labors. Nevertheless, his life was from the beginning a battle against ill health. His heroic spirit won the day for him. In his first efforts as a young minister, preachers and physicians, who knew William A. Wilson as only close friends could know him, tried to discourage his going on in the active ministry, saying to him that he could not live very long. In his early ministry he was known to say that all the property he cared for was his Bible, his saddlebags and his horse.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, M. Wayne Pickerel, assisted by the Rev. John Caldwell, Presbyterian minister in Stuart from the Methodist Episcopal Church at Stuart on March 4. The Masonic Lodge, of which the deceased was an esteemed member, had charge of the services at the cemetery, and his body was laid to rest in accordance with their impressive ritualistic ceremonies at Stuart. A very large congregation of neighbors and friends was present at the funeral, and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. One of God's chosen has rounded out the period of his earthly existence and has gone to claim his reward. For him there was no stinging in death. About a week previous to his passing he said he longed to go home.

M. Wayne Pickerel.

H. H. HACKMAN

Henry H. Hackman was born at Hopewell, Warren county, Missouri, May 23, 1855, where he grew to young manhood. His parents who were members of the Evangelical church, gave him a religious training. In 1875 he entered the Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Mo., where he spent two years preparing himself for the teaching profession. During this time he was converted under the pastorate of Charles Heidel and joined the church. He felt the call to the Christian ministry. After teaching two years he joined the West German Conference. The pastorates in which he ministered with visible success were Salina, Kansas, 1882; Great Bend, Kansas, 1884. Here he had seven preaching places in four counties. He had splendid revivals and aided in erecting three churches—Larnerd, Kansas, 1887; Halstead, Kansas, 1888; Concordia, Kansas, 1889; Lake Creek, Missouri, where camp meetings have been held for 75 years, 1891; Swanton and Western, Nebraska, 1896; Sterling, 1899; Waco and Seward, 1901; Eustis, 1906; Columbus, 1909; LaCrosse, Kansas, 1912; Otis, Kansas, 1913; Harvard, Nebraska, 1914; Columbus, 1916; Culbertson, 1924. He was retired in 1926.

In 1881 he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Riske, who died in July, 1922. In 1924 he was married to Mrs. Fredrica Gassmann, who survives him. He is survived also by three daughters, four sons and sixteen grandchildren.

He was a faithful pastor. He had the spirit of awe and wondered at the beauty of God's word and His providence. He was always ready to give God due praise for his wonderful goodness. He was interested in education. All of his children attended Central Wesleyan College, and are active Christians in our church. One son is a minister, a member of the St. Louis Conference, and four are in the teaching profession.

Since his retirement he lived at Seward. He passed away at Lincoln on May 31st, 1930, at the age of 75 years and 8 days. The funeral services were conducted by Samuel Beechner and F. F. Travis. The following ministers were present and took part in the services: E. Unvert, W. C. George, J. A. Klein, Z. T. Meyer, A. Wurst, John Koehler, John Steimenger, H. A. Feldman, Geo. Beck, F. Reichardt. The interment was in Wyuka cemetery.

EUGENE C. KEMBLE

Eugene Collen Kemble was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, September 5, 1881, and passed away at his home, 1525 North Thirtieth street, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 8, 1930, at the age of 48 years, 9 months and 3 days. He was the son of John F. and Sophia Kemble, who were long time residents of Lincoln.

During his school days his parents resided in Lincoln and German-town, now called Garland. He later attended Wesleyan academy, Ne-