

Edmund Riley Rainsworth Morse - Obituary

Son of Edmund and Theophila Morse of Yorkley

He died on July 10th 1890 in Clarinda, Iowa, USA, aged 26, of malarial fever.

The Dean Forest Mercury published the following obituary

In the Baptist Chapel, Yorkley on Sunday evening last, Mr S J Elsom made special reference to the sudden death in America of a young man, Mr E R Morse, a native of Yorkley. It seems the young man attended the Baptist Chapel when at home. Mr Elsom paid a high tribute to the industry, honesty and uprightness of Mr Morse, and expressed the deepest sympathy with his sorrowing parents and the other members of the family.

Taken from an American newspaper

Mr E R Morse was born in England and died in Clarinda, Iowa, July 1890, of malarial fever, aged about 26 years. He had been in the employ of the State, as an attendant at the hospital for a year and a half, and had proven himself honest, trustworthy, kind and faithful. He brought with him from his home, recommendations from the superintendent of a hospital in England, from his pastor and Sunday School teacher. He leaves a father and mother to mourn his sudden and unexpected death, dying a stranger in a strange land. His associate attendants kindly ministered to him in his sickness, and in the last sad rites bore him to his final resting place in our beautiful cemetery. The funeral service was held in the public reception room, Rev. T C Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiating, assisted by a quartet from the choir. His text was from the Book of Job, *"Man dieth and wasteth away, yea, man giveth up the ghost and where is he?"*

All that kind hearts and willing hands could do was done for him, not only for his sake whom they come to esteem so highly, but also for the sake of the mother, to whom the message, will bring great sorrow. *"After life's faithful fever, he sleeps well."*

(Submitted by Janet Rigby)

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