

"Lindsey B. Pike Died Friday Night," The Sun (Red Oak, Iowa), July 5, 1940; Pike Family Collection, 1877-present, privately held by Karen Pike Zimmerman, Indianapolis, Indiana

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Long-Time Resident of This City
Passes Away After Long Illness
at Home of Son, George.

The death of Lindsey B. Pike, 76, occurred at the home of his son, George, in Red Oak, at 10:55 p. m. Friday, June 28, following five weeks of acute illness after a period of several years of declining health, due to his age. Funeral services were held from the Boileau & Thomas funeral chapel Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Orval Walker of the Christian church, with pallbearers as follows: Byrl Ferguson, W. E. Hunter, Carl Gustafson, M. B. Harris, F. A. Burdick and H. J. Brannock. Mrs. Walker sang "Rock of Ages" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." The flowers were in charge of Mrs. Phillip Clites, Mrs. Austin Clites and Mrs. John McCabe. Interment was in Red Oak cemetery.

Mr. Pike was born in Maquoketa, Ia., May 18, 1864, a son of Richard S. and Amelia Jackson Pike. The family moved to New York state, where he grew to manhood, and where he met Miss Agnes Bethany, who became his wife, after he had come to Red Oak in 1881.

Mr. Pike had two trades, and worked at masonry during the summer and as a printer in the winter months. He worked on the old Stennett mill and dam, both long since disappeared, on the Montgomery county court house and on the Masonic temple and other older buildings about this city. He was employed at different times on most of the earlier newspapers of Red Oak, and pulled the first proof of the first "art" calendar made by the Osborn & Murphy Co., showing the picture of the then new court house. For twenty years Mr. Pike was employed as a rural mail carrier, working out of Red Oak, and he was vice president of the state association of the National Rural Letter Carriers' association. During his active years in the service he saw the greatest development in the system of rural delivery. He retired from the service in 1931.

Mr. Pike's wife and two daughters preceded him in death. He is survived by five sons and a daughter, as follows: Seybourne R. Pike, Howard H. Pike, Van M. Pike and George D. Pike, all of Red Oak; L. Basil Pike, Ottumwa; Mrs. Paul B. Henry, Long Beach, Calif. Two brothers and two sisters also survive him: Harry J. Pike, Toledo; George M. Pike, Wisconsin Dells; Mrs. Chas. Van Gorder, Cedar Rapids, and Mrs. Ralph Sherman, Boone, Ia.