JOHN FRANKLIN GARDINE

"How dull it is to pause, to make an end; To rest unburnished, not to shine in use!"

John Franklin Gardine, son of Abraham and Isaphenia (Coons) Gardine, was born October 30, 1871 in Schuyler County, Missouri, and died at the Grim-Smith Memorial hospital in Kirksville, Mo., on June 14, 1949.

He was married to Anna Elizabeth Everly on September 16, 1902. Eight children were born to this union. Surviving are one son, John H. Gardine of Wichita, Kans.; and five daughters, Mrs. Orvil Lasley of Queen City, Mo., Mrs. Fred Mathes of Memphis, Mo., Mrs. Edwin Lasley and Mrs. E. N. George of Lancaster, Mo., Mrs. Kem George of Elkader, Ia., and seven grandchildren. Also surviving are four brothers, Ernest and Charles Gardine of Lancaster, Willard Gardine of Kirksville, Mo., and Louis Gardine of Greensburg, Mo.

The wife and mother passed away June 1, 1928; a son, Charles E., died in infancy, and the youngest son, Cpl. Lawrence E., of the 82nd Airborne Division, was killed over Normandy, D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Mr. Gardine was a farmer who loved his profession. His entire adult life was spent on his farm in the county of his birth, where he devoted himself to the rearing of his family and the progressive handling of his land and stock. While his health permitted he was active in community and school affairs, but his later years were spent in retirement on his farm. He was a good neighbor and citizen whose philosophy was "that deeds speak louder than words, and that a friend in need is a friend indeed." He was a devoted father and grandparent, never forgetting a family anniversary even unto the end.

Goodbye to the hills in the full tide of spring.

To orchard promise and to everything

He cherished thru the hard but happy days

In stone-walled fields and pleasant orchard ways

His life a quiet pool ---

God lent him to the world a littlewhile

To make a corner of his Gardens smile,

Upon the timeless hills off over there

We hope the fields are green beyond compare.

If there is a choice, I know his heaven would be

A wide green slope with here and there a tree

Along a granite wall, an orchard set

High on the hill in ordered ranks that met

The dark of pines over the hills away,

And cattle coming home at close of day.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon, June 16, at 2 p. m., at the St. John's Lutheran church by Rev. P. M. Lind.

Interment was in the Germania cemetery in the family lot.

Pallbearers were Ray Starrett, John and Frank Schafer, Herman Schupbach, Melvin Snowbarger and L. E. Schubert.

Out of town attendants of the funeral were Mrms W. A. Gardine and son Ellison Gardine, Mrs. Dell Briggs and son Leroy of Kirksville, Mrms L. A. Gardine and son Orvil, Mrms Hillis McClamrock of Rutledge, Mrms Harold Lasley of Ottumwa, Ia., John F. Gardine of Witchita, Kans., Mrms Fred Mathes, sons Wayne and Kenneth of Memphis, Mo., and Mrms Kem George and Kay of Elkader, Ia.

CARD OF THANKS

We deeply appreciate the sympathy and kindness extended to us by our friends, relatives and neighbors during the last illness of our father, grandfather and cousin, and after his death.

Lou Sloop, The Gardine Family.