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**A. L. Richardson,  
Pioneer Lumber Dealer,  
Died Friday Evening**

Alvin Louis Richardson, 85, pioneer of Kansas and Oklahoma, passed away Friday evening at his home in East First street, following stroke of paralysis earlier in the day. He had been in failing health for many months, but the announcement of his death proved a severe shock to his friends, and he had many of them.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon at the First Christian church. The pastor, Edwin C. Knowles, officiated and many friends attended. The many beautiful floral offerings mutely attested the esteem of his community and others. Interment was made in the Hennessey cemetery, where he joined other friends who had gone on ahead. All local business houses closed during the funeral.

He had been identified with the lumber business in Hennessey for many years and had wide acquaintance over state. A genial but rugged and self-reliant character, firm in his convictions and capable of strong likes and dislikes and enduring friendships, he was a loyal friend indeed, who was closest and most helpful when the going was bad. It is these friends who will miss most his genial greeting and helpful council.

Alvin Louis Richardson was born April 8, 1859, at Kokomo, Indiana. He was the son of Malinda and John H. Richardson. With his parents he moved to Girard, Kans., in 1869, and it was there he grew to manhood. He attended normal school at Fort Scott, Kans., and then taught school for two years, after which he engaged in the lumber business, a line he followed until his death. He came to Hennessey from New Haven, Kans., in 1899.

He was long an honorary member of the W. C. T. U. and held membership in the Woodmen for about thirty years. Although he never united with the church, he attended regularly and gave of his means towards its support.

In September, 1890, he was married to Ella Rennison. Six children were born to their union -- Mrs. Rolla Ralstin, Mrs. H. G. Ralstin, Mrs. Frank J. Boot, Layton, Utah; Mrs. C. C. Fisher, Pasadena, Calif.; Kenneth E., Hennessey, and Hazel, twin sister of Mrs. Ralstin, who passed away in infancy.

At the time of his death, there were five grandchildren: two, Kenneth Richardson, Jr. on his way to the Aleutian Islands, and Robert Ralstin, in France, were serving their country in the armed forces, also three great-grandchildren survive him.

He was loved by those who knew and he will be missed by rich and poor, regardless of race or creed. He was a friend to all.

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