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## Thomas Christopher Whaley

Thomas Christopher Whaley, 96, 405 South Massachusetts, died at 4:40 a.m. Tuesday at Bothwell Hospital, where he had been a patient since Monday.

He was born at Marshalltown, Iowa, June 26, 1878, son of the late John Benjamin and Ida Mae Dunlap Whaley. In 1900 he married Nellie DeJarnette, who died in 1934. He was married Oct. 19, 1955, to Mrs. Essie Branstetter, who survives.

Mr. Whaley had lived in Sedalia for the past 40 years and was employed as a brick layer until retiring.

Also surviving are two sons, Delbert Whaley, Blue Springs; Mayo Whaley, Page, Ariz.; three step-sons, Walton Branstetter, Route 4; Earl Branstetter, 1601 East 13th; Russell Branstetter, Route 5; and eight step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Ewing Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. Floyd T. Buntentbach, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Highland Sacred Gardens.

The body is at the funeral home.