

Silas E. Allen was born in ~~Livingston~~ Livingston county, New York, December 17, 1825. He was married to Amelia E. Blakesby in 1850. Moved to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1858, from there to Lynn county, Iowa, in 1861 and from there to Custer county, Nebraska, in 1886, where his wife died February 8, 1895.

To them were born six children, five boys and one girl of whom five are living, four boys and one girl Thomas H. Allen, Guthrie, Okla.; Eugene F. Allen, Kansas City, Mo.; R. E. Allen, Arnold, Neb.; Marion S. Allen, Forest Grove, Oreg.; and Mrs. May Gunnison, Hardy, Neb. He was married to Sarah A. Mittan in April 1897. They moved to Kearney, Neb., two years ago where they lived until his death May 11, 1906, at 11:40 a. m. He united with the M. E. church at Arnold, Nebr., Jan. 13, 1902.

Mr. Allen was well known in and around Arnold. For a number of years, he was associated with his son in the hardware business, at that place, but as old age came on he retired. He was always ready and willing to help those in need.

The body was brought to Arnold and laid to rest by the side of his wife, who passed away eleven years ago. He was followed to the grave by three of his children, Eugene, Richard and May; his adopted daughter, Mrs. C. Parsons; five grandchildren, and a host of friends. The funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church, by Rev. Mayfield.