

EARLY PIONEER GOES TO ETERNAL REST.

This community suffered the loss of another old settler Monday, October 21st, with the passing of Tom Bailey, a resident of this community since 1883, his death occurring after a two months illness during which time everything possible was done to prolong his life. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this city Wednesday afternoon with J. M. Lucas in charge. A double quartet sang three beautiful old hymns "Come Unto Me", "I Shall Meet Him Face to Face" and "Does Jesus Care". The singers were Mesdames Emma English, John Mills, John Melton and W. A. Brewer and Messrs. L. P. Rose, W. G. Mills, W. A. Brewer and Lionel Brewer.

Interment was made in the Arnold cemetery with Messrs. C. B. Pearce, A. C. Long, W. A. Brewer, John Melton, S. W. Pinkston and W. B. Simms as pallbearers.

George Thomas Bailey was born in Kentucky, December 13, 1855. In the fall of 1883, Mr. Bailey came to Custer county, Nebraska, locating within a half mile of his present home. His family came the following spring.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Green Harrison, and to this union was born eight children, three boys: Walter S. of Arnold, Nebr., James H. of Broken Bow, Nebr., and Barton S. of Dupree, South Dakota; and five girls: Winifred Strasburg, who passed away during the past year; Mayne Hircock and Mabel Kruser both of Arnold, Nebr., and Lida Seaney of Callaway, Nebr. One girl, Leona, passed away in infancy. He has one step-daughter, Mrs. Bert Nelson, of Buckley, Washington.

Mr. Bailey united with the Methodist Episcopal church in 1877 and has retained his faith and membership throughout his life, always believing very strongly in his church.

Being one of the early settlers in this country, Mr. Bailey can be called a real pioneer, and he with his family and neighbors have seen and helped develop this splendid country to where it is today. He was a man who could appreciate all fairness and insisted on giving and receiving everything just as it should be.

Mr. Bailey has suffered very little illness in his lifetime until this final sickness came about two months ago. Despite medical care and careful nursing by his children, his end was near and on the afternoon of October 21, 1929, he passed to his Eternal rest, at the age of 73 years, 10 months and 8 days. During all his illness his patience never faltered.

Besides his immediate family he leaves one brother, Samuel of Arnold, Nebr.; one brother, L. D. Bailey and one sister, Mrs. Emmett Philpot of Philpot, Kentucky, thirty-four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many other relatives and a very large circle of neighbors and friends who will miss him.

In 1926, Mr. Bailey and his faithful wife, together with her brother and his sister, celebrated their double golden wedding anniversary. Early in January of the past year, the brother and sister passed away, only five days apart, and Mrs. Bailey alone, of the four, now survives.