

JOHN BACKES, SR. PASSES ON AFTER SEVERE ILLNESS.

John Backes, Sr. who was taken sick about three weeks ago with pneumonia, died at the family home south of town about eleven o'clock Monday evening, June 9th. Mr. Backes was reported to be improving last week and it was hoped that his recovery would be complete but his advanced age made it hard to regain strength after the days of critical illness, and the loving care of his family combined with skilled medical attention proved of no avail in prolonging his life.

Mr. Backes was one of the early settlers of this community and celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary just a short time ago. He has been one of the few old settlers who preferred to remain on the farm and has retained the active management of his farm until his last illness. With his passing Arnold loses one of its most respected citizens and he will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church at two-thirty Thursday afternoon, June 12th with Rev. L. S. Burnham in charge.