

**Funeral Services Held Sunday
For Mrs. L. H. Babcock,
Pioneer Of Custer County**

Lavanda Helene Walter, fourth daughter of Miles and Jane Walter, was born near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, October 23, 1861. She grew to young womanhood in Appanoose county, Iowa, and Putnam county, Missouri.

She was married to Joseph Babcock May 16, 1883, in Moulton, Iowa. Six children, five sons and one daughter, were born to them, all of whom survive. Mr. Babcock, a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, died March 8, 1909.

The family moved to Nebraska in 1884 and homesteaded north of Broken Bow. She had since lived, except one year, in Custer county. Mrs. Babcock homesteaded north of Arnold, remaining on the farm until a little more than a year ago when she moved to Arnold. She had been in failing health for some time and death came Wednesday, February 5, 1941. She was 79 years, 3 months and 12 days old at the time of her departure.

She leaves to mourn her loss five sons, Walter, Guy, Arthur, and Ralph of Arnold and Earl of Bartlett, Nebraska; one daughter, Mrs. Estella Scull of Portland, Oregon; sixteen grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. A. O. Porter of Putnam county, Missouri, and Mrs. Estella Ball of Iowa City, Iowa; numerous other relatives and many friends.

She was a pioneer and knew all of the hardships and experiences of the covered wagon and the hardships of homesteading. She was a good neighbor and was always ready to lend a helping hand to any who needed her help and was strong in Christian faith and life.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, February 9, at the Methodist Church in Arnold, with Rev. Christian R. Garver in charge. A quartette, John Dennis, Mrs. Cecil Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. Clark McKinney, sang several beautiful hymns, accompanied by Mrs. G. H. Johnson. Pallbearers were R. L. Twist, L. S. Beltz, C. D. Marra, C. E. Mills, Lee Bailey and A. A. Nichols, all of whom are members of the local American Legion Post. Interment was in the Arnold cemetery.