

JOHN PLUMMER LONG

John Plummer Long was born, on September 19, 1862, in Newton, Ill. He lived there until 1882, when he went to Kansas, on account of his health. Residing there for about 9 months, he returned to Illinois for a short time and then came to Broken Bow, Nebraska in 1883, where he was employed on the Westcott ranch. He returned to Illinois again for a short time, then came to the Arnold community, early in the year 1885. With the exception of the winter of 1926-27, this territory has been his home ever since. He took first a per-emption, and later a homestead here. In 1886, he was united in marriage to Marry S. Mills, and to this union three children were born, all of whom survive their father: Mrs. Letha A. Booth, of Denver, Colorado, Arthur C. of Arnold, and Mrs. Myrtle Brunette, of Dupree, S. D. Mr. long has been a very active man in developing this country, giving of his time and knowledge to make it a better country. He has spent more than 53 years here watching it grow and prosper. He has played a prominent part in the activities of Arnold and a wide territory surrounding it. He served as director and then for upwards of 20 years as moderator in the Pleasant Hill School district. In 1910 Mr. Long moved to Arnold, engaging in the implement and also the hardware business for a number of years. During his residence in this country, he served two terms as justice of peace, one term as assessor, a number of years as village councilman and two terms as county commissioner from this district.

On August 9, 1929, his life companion passed away. On March 23, 1931, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Evelyn Pirnie of Broken Bow. During the remainder of his life, she has been his constant companion, helping him in every way possible. Several months ago, Mr. Long suffered a severe illness, and although he rallied to some extent, he was unable to return to normal health. During the past several weeks, he has been bed-fast most of the time. Careful nursing and medical care was given him but he could not rally and on the morning of June 11, 1938, he answered the final call, he was 75 years, 8 months, and 12 days of age.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Methodist Church. In charge was Rev. W. B. Zimmerman. William Rosentrater, Albert Rosentrater, Roy Cole, and Ferald Johnson sang three beautiful hymns, accompanied by Mrs. Alberta Rosentrater. Miss Gladys Pearce also assisted with the music. The pallbearers were Vernon Long, Willard Brummett, Garland Harrell, Melvin Williams, Dewitt Boley and William Pirnie. Interment was in the Arnold cemetery.