

JOHN FINCH

Funeral services for John Finch, a resident of this territory since 1878, who passed away at his home Friday, February 18, after a week's illness, were held Sunday, February 20, at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church in Arnold, with Rev. E. N. Littrell officiating.

Gravestone services were in

charge of Cable Lodge No. 235, A.F. & A.M., with W. C. Schaper of Broken Bow, Past Grand Master of Nebraska, in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milligan sang, accompanied by Mrs. Donald Brinson at the organ.

Honorary pallbearers were F. G. Houghton, L. P. Ross, John Shaw, and Charles Fisher, Jr. Active pallbearers were John Jones, W. B. Simms, B. C. Wehrman, Frank Koubek, Homer Hardin and L. S. Downing.

Burial was in the Arnold cemetery.

John Finch, son of Thomas and Mary Ann Finch, was born September 6, 1860, at Tipton, Ia., and died February 18, 1940 at his home in Arnold at the age of 79 years, five months and 12 days.

In 1878 he came with his parents to Lincoln county, Nebraska and settled near Brady. Three years later his father, one brother and two sisters died of typhoid fever. At the age of 18 John went to live with his uncle Swain and aunt Sarah Finch on the ranch his father and uncles had established at what is now Finchville.

On November 28, 1883, he was united in marriage with May Kelly at Cosad. Two sons were born to this union, Rex, the eldest, dying in infancy, and Fay.

At the time of his marriage, Mr. Finch was engaged in the mercantile business and was postmaster at Cosad. In 1884 he returned to Arnold to work for R. E. Allen, who had the first general store here and was postmaster. In 1886, together with Virgil Cannon, he started a drug store in Arnold and in 1887 became the sole owner of this business, until it was sold in 1916. Mr. Finch was also engaged in the cattle business and was an extensive land owner and always took an active interest in the affairs of the community and has served in many responsible public offices.

On November 28, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Finch celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Finch died September 18, 1941.

Mr. Finch was a charter member of the Cable Lodge No. 225, A.F. & A.M., and the Scottish Rite. He received the K.C.C.H. in 1918 and was elected to receive the 33rd degree in Masonry in 1919. He was also a charter member of the Eastern Star.