

John Baker Dies In Oskaloosa

John Baker was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, November 3, 1834 and died Wednesday night, December 19, 1928 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Cora Sexton, near Oskaloosa, Iowa, aged 94 years, 1 month and 16 days. He was united in marriage with Julia Stanley March 24, 1859. To them eight children were born, four of whom with their mother are deceased. Those surviving are: Mary C. Nelson, Rochester, Minn.; Wesley Baker, Shelbina, Mo.; George Baker, New Sharon, Iowa, and Cora E. Sexton, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Mr. Baker came to Poweshiek county in 1859 and practically all his life has been spent in and near the place of his first Iowa home. Sixty years ago he was made a Mason and remained devoted to his lodge all his life. He was a member of Lebanon Lodge No. 227 being raised in October 1868. During his life he enjoyed the best of health, weakening only as age crept upon him. The last four years he has been with his daughter, Mrs. Sexton. Funeral services were held at the home near Oskaloosa at 11:30 o'clock Saturday morning with Rev. G. E. Purdy of the First Christian church in charge. The Masonic lodge had charge of the burial service at Lynnville cemetery.—Oskaloosa Herald. 1-4-1929