

## Death Summons County Pioneer

Word came here last week of the passing away of Neri Bryan at an advanced age at Watsonville, Cal.

Mr. Bryan moved to California about forty years ago. He died at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Seasons, and was buried beside his wife. Six sons acted as pall bearers and all the children were present except Ralph, who was in a hospital recovering from an operation.

A military funeral was given Mr. Bryan as he was a soldier of the Civil War and was also a member of the Wisner post of this city.

He was the last one of the large pioneer family of Alanson Bryan and Esther Mendenhall. Alanson Bryan was a real pioneer of this part of Iowa. In the early fifties he entered one thousand acres of land at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre and divided it into farms for his children. Each one put their portion into a state of high cultivation for a home. Some of the land is now known as the Hathaway, Buffum, Ray Johnson and Allely farms.

Neri owned and lived on the Allely farm many years. Mr. Bryan leaves seven sons and one daughter, all living in California. He has nephews, nieces and many other relatives in this vicinity. — Montezuma Republican.