

An Obituary Of Michael Benj. Fleener

9-17-1935
Michael Benjamin Fleener was born at the old Fleener homestead four miles south of Searsboro, April 8, 1861, and departed this life September 12, 1935, aged 74 years, 5 months and four days. His entire life was spent in Sugar Creek township within a few miles of the place of his birth. His parents, Samuel and Amanda (McFarlin) Fleener were among the first settlers of Sugar Creek township, coming to this locality from Indiana in the year of 1850. He was united in marriage to Alice Stanley Dec. 24, 1884 and to this union were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy.

Those left to mourn their loss are his wife; four sons, Harrison R., W. Clair, Maurice B. of Searsboro and Lowell F. of Ottumwa; two daughters, Mrs. Mamie Kline of Grinnell and Mrs. Ada Gunderson of New Sharon; fourteen grandchildren; five great grand-

sons; one brother, Samuel L., and one sister, Nancy Gregson, both of New Sharon; besides a host of relatives and friends.

Though a constant sufferer for the past two years, he was able to be up and around until he was suddenly taken while sitting in the yard of his home. He was a kind husband and father and a great lover of home, a true neighbor and friend, and will be greatly missed in the community where he has so long resided.

Funeral services were held at the home on Saturday, Sept. 14, conducted by Rev. Glenwood Stanley. Interment was in Stewart cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews, Arthur, Clifford, Harry and Henry Fleener, Roy Stanley and Bryan Gregson.