

John S. Mitchell 11-12-1929 Dies In Searsboro

John Sparks Mitchell son of James A. and Martha J. Mitchell was born in Indiana, Sept. 24, 1846, and passed away at the home of his daughter in Searsboro, Nov. 8, 1929, at the age of 83 years, 2 months, 15 days.

He came to Iowa from Indiana when he was 12 years old and with the exception of a short time spent in Kansas he spent the rest of his life in the Searsboro Community.

He was married to Ella J. Cooper March 11, 1875 who preceded him in death Nov. 12, 1904.

To this union were born 3 children Benjamin A., Thaddeus W., who died Dec. 8, 1922) and Louisa E.

He was engaged in the mercantile business in Searsboro for a time but most of his life he followed his trade as a carpenter and cabinet maker.

He was a great lover of music and was a member of the fife and drum corps in the earlier days.

He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge having been a member of the order at Lynnville, Ia., since 1874.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Julia Driscoll of Kansas, one son Arthur of Lynnville and one daughter, Mrs. Everett Baker of Searsboro; also 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Mr. Mitchell, or "Uncle John" as he was affectionately called by young and old, has lived a useful life in our midst as a highly respected citizen and after having served his day and generation well, was heard to express a willingness and readiness to go.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Everett Baker home in Searsboro conducted by Rev. G. L. Stanley. Pall bearers were four grandsons, Raymond Baker, Earl and Frank Mitchell, and Alec Ingraham and Everett Baker and Ernest Mitchell. Faye Stanley, Caroline Orcutt, Jessie McDowell, Jessie Davis and Lucille Davis, furnished appropriate music. Burial was made in the Searsboro Cemetery where the Masons of Lynnville and Searsboro had charge of the services.