

PIONEER WOMAN DIES.
12-20-1918
**Early Resident of Forest Home Dies at
Home of Her Son in Des Moines,
Aged 85 Years.**

Mary Elizabeth Wolf was born at Alliance, Ohio, January 1, 1832, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 13, 1918, at the ripe age of 85 years, 11 months and 13 days.

She was united in marriage November 26, 1850, with Thomas Morgan who preceded her in death some 11 years ago. To this union were born six children, four sons and two daughters, one of whom, a daughter, died in 1904.

In 1855 she came to Iowa in company with her parents, her husband and two children and settled soon after near Forest Home, being one of the early pioneer residents. She lived in this community, in and around Searsboro, until after the death of her husband when she went to live with her children in Des Moines, in 1907.

Mrs. Morgan will always be remembered in this community for her staunch and sterling qualities. As a pioneer resident she endured with her husband the terrible hardships of the rugged frontier life, but she always bore them with a splendid courage and sublime faith. Her children were reared in these same sterling qualities, and with her example to guide them they have gone to found homes of their own which are a lasting tribute to her memory.

While residing in this community Mrs. Morgan was faithful in attendance of the services of the M. E. church and strove to instruct her children in the highest Christian ideals.

She leaves to mourn her loss four sons, A. M. and Louis of Des Moines, L. W. of Lincoln, Neb., and E. J. of Coon Rapids, Iowa; one daughter, Mrs. Ida Callison, of Des Moines, fifteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 11 a. m. at the M. E. church by Rev. Ben Schwartz with burial in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, at Searsboro. Those who attended from a distance

A PIONEER GONE.

12-27-1918
**Obituary of Mrs. Thomas Morgan Sent
In by Relatives of the Family.**

Mary Elizabeth Wolf was born at Harrisburg, Stark county, Ohio, January 1st, 1832. She was the oldest daughter of Jacob and Ann Catherine Wolf. While she was small the family moved to Marlboro in the same county, where she grew to womanhood and attended the common school and Marlboro Seminary.

She was united in marriage with Thomas Morgan November 25th, 1850, and about four years later with their two children came to Iowa by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Keokuk on their way to Des Moines, but the last boat for the season had gone, and they were forced to change their plans. They went from there by stage to Oskaloosa, where they lived for a year. The family having much sickness there, they concluded to move to Poweshiek county, where they settled in the town of Forest Home, where they were living when the Civil war broke out.

About 1863 they moved to a farm on the unbroken prairie near where Searsboro now stands, and on that farm they made their home for many years, and moved to Searsboro in their old age. There they celebrated their Fiftieth and Sixtieth wedding anniversaries.

A few years later the subject of our sketch was called to mourn the loss of her loving and faithful companion, and went to Des Moines to live with her daughter, Mrs. Ida Callison of N. E. 7th street, where she died December 13th, 1918, nearing her 87th year.

She was laid to rest in the family lot in the Searsboro cemetery.

Another of the pioneer women of Iowa has gone to her reward. A devoted wife, a kind mother, and a faithful friend to all, whether neighbor or stranger, within her gates.

Beside a host of friends and near relatives to mourn her loss, are her five children, Alonzo N. Lewis and Mrs. Ida Callison, of Des Moines, L. W. of Lincoln, Neb., E. J. of Coon Rapids, Iowa, and two sisters and one brother, Blair Wolf, of Winterset, Iowa, Michel M. Grewell of West Branch, and Melinda J. Ellyson of West Liberty, Iowa, and many friends in Grinnell and Poweshiek county.