

1-4 O. J. TURNER 1921

O. J. Turner, pioneer resident of Jasper county and one of its most successful and wealthy farmers, died at his home in Turner Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, following an illness of several months, the cause of which was hardening of the arteries and other complications growing out of his advanced age.

Mr. Turner moved to Jasper county in 1868 from his native state of Kentucky, shortly after the close of the Civil war, in which he served as a member of Company H, Twelfth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. He had only a small capital and for the first few years of his residence here taught school and farmed, gradually accumulating more land, until he owned several hundred acres of land in this county, as well as a large tract in South Dakota.

He was a native of Kentucky, born in Wayne county, April 23, 1840, being eighty-one years old at the time of his death. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Rice, also a native of Kentucky, and to them were born seven children, five of whom with the mother are left to mourn the death of the father and husband.

One son, Roy, is now a doctor in Reno, Nev.; another son, Stanton, is a U. S. A. worker and speaker of note, having traveled in many foreign countries. He is now in New York city. George Turner has taken over his father's extensive and interests in South Dakota and makes his home there. Ed Turner is a farmer at the home town, Turner, Iowa. One daughter, Edna, now the wife of H. V. Clifton, is living in Denver, Colorado. All of the children are expected home for the funeral services and arrangements will not be made until work has been solved from them.

Mr. Turner helped organize the Baptist church at Kellogg, Idaho, and has always been interested in its affairs and a liberal supporter of its work. He was also an active member of Kellogg post of the Grand Army of the Republic.