

Montezuma's Oldest Citizen, Myrtle Duffus, Dies

the county prepared to
 125th anniversary,
 Myrtle Duffus, passed
 Saturday, July 13, at her
 home. She had reached the age
 of 99 years and five months,
 the daughter of Hannah and
 J. J. Farmer, she was born
 Feb. 9, 1869. She attended the
 Brooklyn Normal School and
 then taught school for several
 years.

Alice Underwood was the
 first at the rites.

ket bearers were Fred

Zorn, W. C. Hall, Harold Sw-
 anson, C. E. Hender, Eldon
 Speas and Earl DeJong. In-
 terment was in the Masonic-
 IOOF Cemetery at Montezu-
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On April 16, 1890, she was
 united in marriage to George

Duffus.

Mrs. Duffus was a member
 of the United Presbyterian
 Church and of the Women's
 Society of the church. She
 served as president when the
 society was known as the La-
 dies Aid.

She was a charter member

Schoales. Mr. Duffus preced-
 ed her in death on April 10,
 1950.

Survivors include Mr. and
 Mrs. Schoales, one niece, th-
 ree nephews, other relatives
 and many friends.

of the Poweshiek Rebekah Lo-
 dge of Malcom when it was
 organized in 1900. She later
 transferred her membership
 to the Vashut Rebekah Lodge
 No. 113 of Montezuma. She
 was a past Noble Grand of
 the lodge and received her
 60-year jewel eight years ago.

In late years she has been
 cared for by her daughter and
 son-in-law, Leta and Louis