

2-9-1934
An Obituary Of
John O. Fleener

John Oliver Fleener, oldest son of Samuel and Amanda McFarland Fleener, was born July 1, 1852, near the Mill Grove church, Sugar Creek township. He passed away Feb. 3, at his home near Searsboro, at the age of 81 years, seven months and two days.

The early part of his life was spent at the old Fleener home place until his marriage to Jane Main, Feb. 18, 1877. To this union eleven children were born, eight girls and three boys. One boy, Samuel, passed away at the age of two years.

He leaves to mourn his loss his faithful wife and children, Nellie V. Arment of Montour, Arthur, Daisy M. Holmes and Ethyl L. Poots of Grinnell, Susie A. Longaker of Taintor, Elizabeth E. Davidson and Clifford L. of Grinnell, Della V. De Vries of New Sharon, Ruth V. Gertsma of Lynnvillie, and Ida B. of Fort Dodge; also thirty-nine grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren, three brothers, H. H. Fleener of Grinnell, M. B. Fleener of Searsboro, and S. L. Fleener and a sister, Nancy Gregson of New Sharon. All the children were at his bedside when he passed away.

During his illness of seven weeks he was most tenderly cared for by his wife, children and neighbors. He bore his suffering patiently and passed away peacefully just as he had lived in his life. It was in his home, as a loving father and devoted husband, that the light of his life shone brightest. Here his influence was as a broken alabaster jar, distilling a sweet fragrance and a healing balm. His presence was cheer; his touch sympathy; his words inspiration.

Paul Hadley of Searsboro assisted with the service. Interment was in the Stewart cemetery.

day. 2-9-34 Searsboro
John Fleener, an old and highly honored citizen living southwest of town, passed away Saturday forenoon. He was past 81 years old. He has lived most of his married life on the farm where he died. He is survived by his wife, ten children, 34 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. The funeral was held at the Friends church in Searsboro Monday, Feb. 5, at 1:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. Glenwood Stanley of Salem, a long time friend. It was the largest attendance of relatives of any funeral ever held in Searsboro. Mr. Fleener had a host of friends who were in attendance to pay their last respects to a man who had always lived a clean, noble life among his associates. He has three brothers and one sister living, Harrison of Grinnell, Ben of Searshoro and Samuel of New Sharon, and Mrs. Bess Gregson of New Sharon.

Grandson of
Elizabeth Robertson
Fleener