

Jan 6, 1888

**MRS. MARIAH LANGWORTHY.**

OLIVER

In the death of Mrs. Langworthy another of the early settlers of this place is taken away. In 1856, when the population was scarcely in the hundreds, Mr. Oliver Langworthy and wife entered the land at the corner of 4th avenue and High street, where Mr. Wilson now resides. Soon after their arrival they built the house which still stands, and where they lived during their entire stay. The deceased was one of the organizers of the Baptist church and has ever been one of its most devoted and faithful members. When there was but one doctor in the place, and he not always available, she won quite a reputation for her skill as a nurse. She had her regular medicine case, and was often called, but never asked any fee.

She was the mother of ten children, of whom four daughters and two sons are living. For the last four years she has been living with her daughter, in Spink county, Dakota. About Thanksgiving time she paid a farewell visit to old friends here, and was on her return when death overtook her in Des Moines at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kelsey. The immediate cause of her death was a cold which had been contracted on the journey.

Rev. Brande preached the funeral discourse at the Baptist church of this place Tuesday afternoon. He spoke of her long life of good works, of her exemplary christian character and her many acts of charity which had made her loved and respected by all who knew her.