

## Helpful Life Reaches Close

1-25-1927

Funeral of Willis Newton Was Held  
Friday from Newburg Cong.  
Church.

### WAS ACTIVELY INTRESTED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Had for Many Years Been Prominent  
Resident of Newburg  
Neighborhood.

Willis Newton was born Jan. 9, 1860, at Toulon in Stark county, Ill., and passed away at his farm home west of Newburg Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1927, at the age of 67 years and 10 days.

When he was eight years of age he came with his parents to Jasper county, Iowa. Here his boyhood days were spent on the farm and here he has resided continuously since. For some time during his early manhood he was engaged in school teaching.

On March 21, 1888, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Stark at the Stark homestead in Hickory Grove township. The young couple began their wedded life on a farm northwest of the present town of Newburg, where they resided until they moved to their present farm which has since been their home. Three children were born to them, one son Leonard and two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Newcomer and Mrs. Lois Lowery.

Mr. Newton became a Christian early in life, joining the Hickory Grove United Brethren church. Later his membership was transferred to the Newburg Congregational church. He was deeply interested in the church and active in its work, being a deacon at the time of his death, and for several years a teacher in the Sunday school. He was especially interested in community activities that have for their purpose the common welfare, and had been township clerk for several years.

Willis Newton was a quiet, brotherly man, deeply religious by nature, broad minded and generous hearted. He was a fine type of the sturdy, honest, industrious men who laid so securely and so well the foundation upon which the best things in our present day life are built.

Besides the devoted wife and children he leaves behind five brothers, two sisters and four grandchildren. He will be greatly missed in the community of which he was so vital a part and sincerely mourned by all who knew him.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. B. Wilson assisted by Rev. S. O. Smith of the congregational church at Newburg Friday afternoon, Jan. 21, and the body laid at rest in the Gilman cemetery.