

ESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1924. 6-H

## IS THE LAST OF PIONEER FAMILY

Mrs. Nancy Ann Rivers Died Sunday  
at Home of her Son  
In Grinnell.

HAD REACHED ADVANCED  
AGE OF 88 YEARS.

She Was the Widow of John L. Rivers  
—Two of Her Five Sons  
Survive Her.

Nancy Ann Ridpath, daughter of  
James and Sabrina Ridpath was born  
in Putnam county, Indiana, July 30,  
1841, and died at the home of her son,  
in east Grinnell, Oct. 19, 1924.

She came with her parents when a  
small child to Iowa, and settled at  
Springfield, Keokuk county, and here  
she grew to womanhood. On March  
28, 1868, she was united in marriage  
to John L. Rivers. To this union were  
born five boys, J. R. Rivers of Grinnell,  
Edmond, Lewis Franklin and  
William, all deceased, and Jacob Rivers  
of Los Angeles, Calif.

In her early married life she, with  
her husband united with West Liberty  
Church of Christ, they both being  
charter members of this church, and  
she still held her membership there at  
her death.

On June 11, 1906, her companion was  
called home and since that time she  
has made her home, most of the time,  
with her boys.

She is the last one of one of the oldest  
pioneer families of Poweshiek  
county. She knew all the hardships  
as well as the blessings of the pioneer  
life. As she saw the end coming she  
made most of the arrangements for  
her funeral and said to her son, as he  
sat at her bedside, "I am not sick and  
I have no pain," and at the very last  
she said to him, "Lift me up and take  
me in your arms," and in a few minutes  
she was gently laid back upon her  
pillow and with her head pillowed in  
his hand she quietly folded her own  
hands and gently slipped into the  
arms of Him who said, "Come unto  
me, all ye who are weary and heavy  
laden and I will give you rest."

The funeral will be held at the home  
of her son at the corner of Tenth Ave.  
and Penrose street at 2:30 Wednesday  
afternoon after which the body will be  
taken to the Blue Point cemetery and  
laid to rest by the side of her husband.  
Rev. J. C. Todd of the M. E.  
church will conduct the services.