

## DEAD IN HIS FIELD

5-17-1921

W. E. Smith, Respected Farmer Living Near Newburg, Called by Death.

HAD BEEN FEELING  
IN THE BEST OF HEALTH

Funeral Services Were Held Yesterday—He Is Mourned by Many Friends.

W. E. Smith, well known and respected farmer living near Newburg was found dead in his corn field Saturday morning by relatives. Mr. Smith had gone to work that morning feeling in the best of health and had done considerable plowing before death overtook him.

Funeral services were held from the home yesterday at noon and short funeral services were conducted from the U. B. church.

Following is the obituary:

W. E. Smith was born in Bonaparte, Iowa, Nov. 21, 1861, and departed this life May 14, 1921.

When he was two years old his mother with her four children moved to Newton, Iowa, and his father died on his return from the Civil war a few months later. Of the four children only one sister remains—Mrs. Philes, of Idaho, who could not be present on account of blindness.

August 5, 1885, he was united in marriage to Jennie Bridges and to this union were born four children, of which one died at the age of six years. The other three, Mr. Ray Smith, Mr. Clair Smith and Mrs. Clyde Stover, all of Newburg, remain to mourn the loss.

March 9, 1886, he and Mrs. Smith moved to Syracuse, Kansas, where they spent over three years. August 13, 1890, they moved to their farm three miles west of Newburg where they have lived ever since. November 21, 1919, they moved to their new home in Newburg where they have spent a part of the time the last year and a half.

Thirty years ago he was converted and joined the United Brethren Church although he at times let down in his spiritual life, during the revival at the Church of God in February this year he renewed his covenant with the Lord, and has talked with Mrs. Smith quite a little of it since. His death being sudden was a shock to all his relatives and friends. His life was spent in helping his children and has seen all three nicely settled in homes of their own.

Besides his wife and three children he leaves to mourn his loss a host of relatives and friends.