

10-13-1911 Alexander Thompson, 6-4

Alexander Thompson was born in County Down, Ireland, Dec. 30, 1825.

He lived in his parental home, there growing to young manhood.

In 1846 he left his native land and came to America, settling in Pennsylvania. A few months after his arrival in the United States he was married to Mary Robinson at Wilksburg, Pa. After residing there three years he moved with his family to Mercer county, Illinois, spending there twenty-one years of his life, he with his wife and children came to Iowa, settling in the open prairie and there began tilling the land that was afterward to become his permanent home.

He was the father of nine children—four daughters and five sons—four of whom have preceded him to their eternal rest and five survive, namely: Samuel, Mrs. Elizabeth Lincoln, John Robert, and William, all of whom have grown to manhood and womanhood and were present during his recent illness and death. He also leaves twenty-six grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

On April 14, 1909, Mrs. Thompson passed away to the great beyond. Since August, 22, 1910, Mr. Thompson has made his home with his son, Robert, where he was lovingly and carefully cared for.

Since the death of his beloved companion, he patiently awaited the time when he should be called to go.

During the time of his illness he was always cheerful and never complained of his troubles.

He was a loving father, a faithful companion, and a friend to all who knew him.

On October 8 he passed quietly away; dropsy and heart trouble being the direct cause of his death, aged 85 years, 9 months and 21 days. Funeral services were held at the Bethel church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. William Odell. The body was laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery.