

Belcher, John C. d. 8-7-1918

John Conrad Belcher son of John C. and Mary Belcher was born in Buchanan Co Illinois July 7 1850. He was the fifth child of a family of thirteen children. He came to Iowa with his parents when a small child and settled near Iowa Center in Story County where shortly after his father died leaving his mother with the family of small children. He grew to machood on the old home farm near

Iowa Center. July 27 1871 he was united in marriage with Mary M. Shearer. To this union two daughters were born Mrs. Minnie E Bloomfield of Maxwell and Mrs. Effie A. Cobb of Netawaka Kansas. He also reared one foster son Harvey L. Pointer of Rhodes, whom together with a loving wife, twelve grand-children and five great grand

children mourn the loss of a loving husband, father and grand father. He also leaves two brothers, William and Frank of Iowa Center and one sister Mrs. Mintie Whiting of Riceville. In February, 1871, he moved to the farm two miles west of Collins where he lived for forty two years. He moved to Collins in November 1913 where he resided until his death which occurred August 7, 1918. He had reached the age of 68 years and one month. He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn the departure of a good citizen and friend. The funeral service was by his request held in the M. E church in Collins Friday August 9, 1918 at 2:30 p. m. and was conducted by D. C. Bensenburg of Iowa Center after which burial was had in the Collins Cemetery.

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