Mrs. Mary Belcher was born Dec. 20, 1843, in Indiana, the daughter of Valentine and Magdalene Shearer. She was united in marriage to John C. Belcher on July 27, 1871, and to this union two daughters were born: Mrs. J. W. Bloomfield of Ames and Mrs. Henry Cobb of Lawrence, Kans. Her husband died 16 years ago at their home in Collins.

She also leaves eight grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, one sister Mrs. James Womach of LeRoy, Minn., and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, her father having been a Methodist minister for more than 30 years.