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Mrs. Delia Benson passes at LaMoille
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Mrs. Delia Benson, a resident of Marshall county since 1869, died at 11 o'clock Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.O. Bissett, at Lamoille.

She was born Delia Rosamonde Bohnsack at Dankelsheim, Brunswick province, Germany, Sept. 22, 1852 and her parents, William and Augusta Bohnsack, died when she was 12 years old. In the spring of 1869 she obtained permission of her guardian and the state to go to America with the family of her friend, Reka Kuenecke, and others from the province. In June, 1869, they settled in Marshall County near State Center, where others from Brunswick had emigrated.

On Dec. 31, 1871, she was married to Thomas Benson, a civil war veteran from Wisconsin who had moved to Iowa. They began housekeeping on a farm a mile north and a half mile west of Lamoille where they lived 19 years and where three children were born to them, James, Ernest and Delia. After the death of James in 1889 they rented the farm and moved to Lamoille.

Mr. Benson died in September, 1919 and Mrs. Benson was the last of her immediate family and the last survivor of the Brunswick province group that came over from Germany in 1869. She is survived by her daughter and a son, Ernest Benson of Marshalltown, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Community church at Lamoille, of which she was a member at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon in charge of Rev. R.K. Youngdahl of Marshalltown, assisted by Rev. George LaBounty. Burial was in the Lamoille cemetery.