

BENCE, Mrs. Francis
(Mary Ann)(Cramer)

Mrs. Francis Bence Was Native of Illinois

Special to the Journal.

Collins, Aug. 31—Mrs. Francis Bence, 77, who died at the home of her son Elmer Bence, Monday, had been a resident of this community for many years. Funeral services which were held at the home Wednesday afternoon were attended by a wide circle of old neighbors and friends, as well as the relatives. The services were conducted by Rev. L. O. Jones and interment was in the Collins cemetery, by the side of her husband who died a number of years ago.

Mary Ann Bence one of a family of six children was born in Henry county, Ill., Dec. 31, 1850 and passed away at the home of her son Elmer near Collins, Aug. 27, 1928 at the age of 77 years, 7 months and 26 days.

When but a small child she was left an orphan and was raised by her sister, Mrs. John Cramer when still a small child she moved to Grundy county, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood. On March 6, 1868 she was united in marriage to Francis Bence. To this union, six children were born, one, Lillie, dying in infancy.

Those living are Elmer Bence and Mrs. Nettie Kimberley of Collins, Mrs. Nellie Crouch and Lester Bence of Ames and Frank Bence of Bondurant.

Mrs. Bence's companion passed away Sept. 8, 1914, at their home in Collins.

Mrs. Bence continued living in her home in Collins until four years ago when sickness compelled her to live with her son. She was converted and united with the M. E. church during Rev. Ingvolstadt's meetings a number of years ago. She was a kind affectionate mother, a good neighbor and a loyal friend.

Besides her children she leaves to mourn, her one sister, Mrs. Emma Ward of San Diego, California, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren and a number of distant relatives.

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