

Henson, SIMPSON Elias D. 5-07-1924

Simpson Elias Henson, of a family of nine children, was born July 8, 1850, in Overton county, Tennessee. Died at his home in Collins, May 7, 1924.

Mrs. Sarah Huntrods is the only one surviving of that family. When he was but three years old the family moved to Kentucky. From there at the age of thirteen, he with two brothers joined the Union Army, and fought to the close of the war. During this period the family removed to Morgan County, Illinois.

October 5, 1880 he was united in marriage to Laura Sargent. To them were born two children, both dying in infancy. Mrs. Laura Henson died in 1890.

Eight years later he was joined in marriage to Miss Etha Dickey, whom with one son Charles Raymond, and one grandson are left to mourn his taking away.

Eighteen years ago the family moved from Kansas to Story County, Iowa. He farmed in the community of Collins until three years ago, when failing health compelled him to retire.

While he was never identified with any church, he had for a number of months expressed a desire to be counted a follower of Christ. He was hoping, for a day to come, when added strength of body would permit him to make a public confession of faith in Christ and unite with the Visible Church. His chief regret was that he had not done this in the vigor of manhood.

The funeral was held from the United Brethren Church Friday afternoon at one o'clock, conducted by the pastor Rev. E. L. Shaffer. The body was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery.