

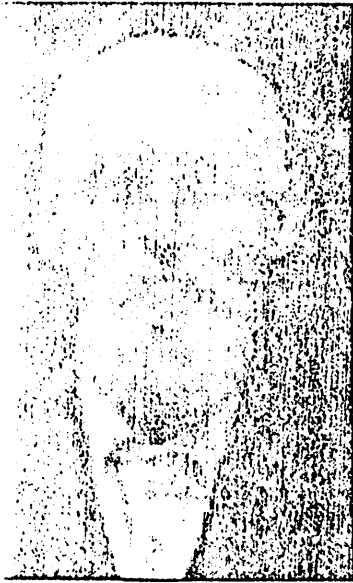
EATH CLAIMS ZENO BASS, SR.

Another Of Mills County's Pioneer Farmers Passes Away; Funeral Held From Late Home Friday.

Another of Mills County's pioneer farmers and splendid citizens passed away on Wednesday evening, September 19, following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held from his late residence in northwest Malvern Friday afternoon, September 21, at two o'clock. It was largely attended for Mr. Bass was widely and well known and many came to honor a man who had known and respected for so many years past.

As a man he stood well in his community and with his fellow men. He was successful in his business undertakings and during his long years on the farm acquired a large share of Mills County's good land and a comfortable fortune. A few years ago as our readers may remember he divided this land among his children, giving each of them a hand-



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Rev. J. E. Wilkins of the First Baptist church conducted the services preaching the sermon. A special choir, Messers R. W. Criswell and J. R. McClymond, Mrs. F. R. Chantry and Mrs. L. A. Talbott sang. Many beautiful flowers testified to the loving remembrance of friends and relatives.

The local Masonic fraternity under the direction of L. A. Talbott, Worshipful Master, took charge of the latter part of the services and at the grave performed the beautiful ritualistic service of the order. C. S. Royce was in charge of this part of the service giving it in a very impressive manner. The following Masonic brethren acted as pall bearers: Guy Breeding, Otto Kline, John Beckwith, Clayton Roberts, M. C. Woodfill, Fred Dickershaugh, W. D. Slothower and Y. H. Seaton. A long line of the Masonic brethren attended the funeral and acted as escort of honor.

The following obituary was given at the services:

Zeno Bass, son of Henry and Sussannah Bass, grandson of Arthur and Rebecca Bass, was born in Morgantown, Ind., Sept. 29th, 1844. Here he spent the early part of his life, and on February 21st, 1866 he was united in marriage with Harriett Dill, of Morgantown, Ind., who has been a faithful helpmate.

Seven children were born to this union; namely, Mrs. Emily Timmons of Valley, Nebr.; Ora, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Mayo, of Geneva, Nebr.; Mrs. Ida Dillehay of Logan, Iowa; Zeno Bass, Jr. of Strahan; Louis, of Malvern; and Mrs. Nannie Hodges of Hastings, Iowa. There are also twenty-six grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren, who, with the widow and surviving children, are left to mourn his loss.

The children were all with him during the last days of his illness and all that loving hands could accomplish was done to make his last hours easier. He had never known a day's illness, until about eight weeks ago, when he suffered a general breakdown from which he was never able to rally.

He moved with his family in 1867, to Kansas, where he resided for six years, and then came to Iowa in 1873, locating on the farm in Rawles

township, and here they continued to make their home for thirty-nine years.

Not only was he a farmer of unusual ability, taking a great interest in keeping his farm one of the best in the community, but he was also a true friend, often traveling miles to aid a sick neighbor. His interests were always in others, as might be demonstrated by his honest business dealings, making it a pleasure for business men to have dealings with him. He was a firm believer in an all powerful God and accomplished much for his Maker. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity since early manhood, taking great interest in its work and moulding his life according to its teachings.

Coming to Malvern in 1912, he and his wife retired from farm life and built a beautiful home in northwest Malvern. There they continued to live until his death, September 19th, 1923, having lived to the ripe old age of 78 years, eleven months and twenty days; a life of usefulness and a character worthy of emulation. He has left a vacancy that can never be filled.

All of the children were with him during the last illness and all with their families were at the funeral services. Those from outside the community were C. F. Timmons and family of Valley, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Roseoe Frazier of Ceresco, Nebr., the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Bass of Geneva, Nebr., and C. E. Dillehay and wife of Logan, Iowa.

competence, yet retaining enough to keep himself and good in comfort, in their declining years. To this trust the children responded well and no parents have better or kinder consideration for the hands of their offspring than this worthy couple. It was a great comfort to him in his hours, as it is to the wife and her who is left.