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Birth: Mar. 22, 1812
Bucks County
Pennsylvania, USA
Death: Jul. 29, 1895
Cherokee County
Iowa, USA

Death of H. F. Nicholas

Holmes F. Nicholas, who died in Amherst township, July 29th, was born in Bucks county, Pa., March 22nd, 1812 and was at the time of his death, 84 years, four months and seven days old.

In his early life he removed to Ohio where he was married to Miss Sarah Keith, the wife of his youth and early manhood, a rare spirit, who preceded him to the better land many years. Nine children were born of this union, five sons and four daughters, seven of whom survive him. The family resided some years in Indiana and later came to eastern Iowa.

In 1862 the subject of the sketch was again married to Mrs. Elizabeth Kerr, who has been a faithful and devoted wife for 34 years and who with their three children live in Amherst township, and who with the other children mourn the taking off of one of the best of fathers. Nineteen years ago the family came to this county where the consistent and quiet life of the deceased has been well known. He has gone in and out among us above reproach. In disposition he was mild and amiable. He was a faithful member of the M. E. Church.

His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army and also in the War of 1812. He furnished two sons to put down the rebellion. He took a lively interest in all questions of local and general interest; was an enthusiastic and temperance man and supporter of free silver. He was a member of the old Whig party at its organization, out of which grew our present Republican party.

Those present at the funeral were Alfred Nicholas, son and wife of Mallard, Iowa; Mrs. Lizzie Boget and Miss Mary Nicholas, of Searsborough; Mr. and Mrs. Martin and daughter, Mrs. Gross and daughter, A. J. Nicholas and wife of Cherokee; Mr. and Mrs. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nicholas and Will Nicholas of Amherst. only one son, C. W. Nicholas of St Joseph, Mo. failed to get here. Mr. and Mrs Glass of Manson, also attended the funeral and returned to Manson Friday evening. A large number of neighbors followed the deceased to the Marcus cemetery. The sermon by Rev. Wasser at Simpson Bethel, was very fitting from the texts Luke 2:25-- "And the same was a just man." Psalms 17:15-- "I will be satisfied when I awake with his likeness." The choir rendered appropriate hymns.

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