

## THOMAS A. NELSON, DEAD.

A Pioneer Citizen of the Bunceton Community—Is Survived by the Wife and Six Manly Sons.

BORN IN GOOPER CO. 72 Years AGO.

Thomas Alpheus Nelson was one of eleven children whose parents came to Cooper county from Virginia in 1833. The father died in 1861 and the mother thirty years later. This son was born on a farm near Bunceton on August 23, 1848. He was married to Sarah A. Tucker December 24, 1868. Seven children were born to this union, one of which died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson resided on their large farm, known as the "Eminence Stock Farm," until two years ago when they moved to Bunceton. Mr. Nelson died there Monday, March 21, in the 73rd year of his age, after an illness lasting three weeks. The wife and six sons survive. The sons are, L. O. Nelson who lives in Bunceton; W. L., former member of Congress and reading at Columbia; Albert J. and Alpheus J., farmers in the county; Edgar C., editor of the Bunceton Eagle, and Clyde T., manager of the Nelson farm since the father retired.

Funeral services were held in the Baptist church at Bunceton, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and burial at the Masonic cemetery. ✓

Mr. Nelson spent the 72 years of his life in the community in which he was born. It was a life of honorable, honest, clean citizenship. He was long a consistent member of the Baptist church, and he was a devout christian, one whose whole life reflected devotion to christian duty. His surviving children, all of whom are men of the highest standard of christian citizenship, bear testimony to the splendid influence exerted over their lives by the father and also the aged mother who survives.

Thomas A. Nelson is dead but the memory of his well spent life will linger with those who knew him well and resided in the community.