

Boonville Daily News - 15 December 1931

## LEVENS RITES AT BUNCETON

### Pioneer Resident Had Lived in Cooper County Ninety Years

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for B. W. Levens, Bunceton resident who died Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock at his home at the age of 90 years. The rites were in charge of the Rev. T. M. MacDonnell of California, Mo. Burial was made in the Bunceton Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Levens was Bunceton's oldest resident and one of its most civic-minded citizens. He spent all his life in Cooper County, having been born Feb. 25, 1841 on the place known as the Castleman Farm, now part of Bunceton.

Basil Wells Levens was the son of B. W. and Rhoda Stephens Levens, pioneer settlers of Cooper County. On Feb. 25, 1864, he was married to Mary Ellen Reavis. They were the parents of two children, Dr. W. B. Levens, who died in August, 1921, and Mrs. Guita Biltz, who survives. He also leaves two grandchildren, Rolla Biltz of Kansas City and Mrs. C. H. Harrison of Sedalia, and one great-grandchild, Rolla Biltz Jr.

Mr. Levens was unusually alert for one of his years, and was seriously ill but a week before his death. At one time he was an extensive landowner and took a prominent part in the affairs of his community.

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