

John Walter Luce 1858-1908

Lyons [NE] newspaper, Jan 1908. John Walter Luce was the second son of George and Hannah M. Luce and was born January 3, 1858, in Anson, Somerset county, Maine, and died at his home in Lyons, January 19, 1908, at 10 o'clock p.m., being 50 years and 16 days old. He resided in Maine until the year 1884 when he removed to Lyons, Neb., being a continuous resident here since that time. In 1882 he was united in marriage to Ida M. Clark, who with two daughters, Mrs. Fred Fisher and Miss Vernie Luce, mourn the passing away of a kind and faithful husband and father. Mr. Luce early became a faithful member of the Methodist church of which he was a consistent member at the time of his death.

His father, a resident of Lyons, two brothers, G. A. Luce, of Omaha, and Parker Luce, of Lyons, and one sister, Mrs. Edgar Yeaton of Lyons, also survive him and mourn the departure of a dutiful and kind son and a considerate and loving brother. The mother of the deceased passed from this life some twenty-four years ago. Until one year ago next March the deceased resided on his farm about four miles north of Lyons. He had been in poor health for a number of years, culminating in a surgical operation in Omaha November 9, from the effects of which he never recovered.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday at 2 p.m. conducted by the pastor. Rev. J. W. McDonald. There was a large attendance of citizens not only from town but from the surrounding country. Business houses of town were closed during the services. Of relatives from out of town there were present Mrs. David Metcalf and daughter Addie, of Wakefield; Mrs. W. B. Pratt, of Tekamah, G. A. Luce, of Omaha, was also present, but his wife was unable to attend on account of a threatened attack of pneumonia.

The bereaved family and relatives have the sympathy of all Lyons citizens in their hour of sorrow.