

# Lewis Compton Burnett 1848-1906

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## Death of L.C. Burnett

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### Esteemed Citizen Answers the Last Call Yesterday Evening

Lewis C Burnett, a long time and most respected resident of this community, died late yesterday afternoon at his home two miles south of the city, following an operation for abscess of the lungs. Mr. Burnett's health had not been the best since last spring and the last few weeks he had failed rapidly, although with persistent determination he had kept up and had refused to be confined to his home. Shortly after dinner yesterday the operation was performed by Drs. Wilson and Ginn as a last hope for his recovery, following which he continued to fail until he passed away at 5:50 o'clock, surrounded by the members of his family.

Lewis C Burnett was born in Terre Haute, Ind, on October 31st, 1848 and lived to the age of 58 years, 1 month and 26 days. In his boyhood he removed to Mattoon, Ill, where he was for a time employed as clerk in a hardware store, and where he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Caroline Berry in 1871, to which union five children were born. Four years after his marriage he went to Champaign, Ill, where he engaged in the hide and leather business, an occupation which he successfully pursued for the balance of his life. In 1878 he removed to this city and in partnership with the late Thomas McCulloch established the hide and leather store, which at Mr. McCulloch's death some four years ago, he continued under the firm name of the Nebraska Hide & Leather Co. In 1888 he settled on his farm two miles south of the city, where he resided up to the date of his death. In May last he retired from active business, leaving the management of his mercantile interests to his son, Leslie Burnett, and in July he, in company with his wife, left for the mountains in Wyoming, in the hope that the mountain air would be of benefit to his health, which had been sadly impaired, but returning in the latter days of September, his decline was rapid, culminating in his death last evening.

Mr. Burnett was a life long and conscientious member of the Methodist church and was superintendent of the Sunday School of that denomination in this city for a number of years. Of kindly disposition and exceptional capabilities, he had gained an enviable place in both the social and business life of this community, and leaves a countless number of friends to sincerely mourn his demise. He is survived by his widow, two sons, Leslie and Jerome, and one daughter, Mrs. Olin Overton, recently a bride. His elder daughter, Lola, and son, Lewis C, Jr., died some years ago, both having been the victims of distressing and unforeseen accidents.

L.C. Burnett was among the well known and most respected residents of this community. Of sterling integrity, unimpeachable character and well-grounded Christian manhood he was held in highest estimation by all who came in contact with him. Of a genial and neighborly disposition his most predominating traits of character were his unfailing kindness, cheerful personality and companionable friendliness which drew to him a universal friendship. A Christian gentleman in all the associations of his daily life he will be sadly missed by all who claimed the honor of his friendship.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the family home south of the city, Rev. C.A. Mastin, pastor of the First Methodist church officiating.