

## **Obits - Franklin James Beckwith and Alma Cole Beckwith**

compiled by Pamela Hutchison Garrett, 2019

Mrs Alma Cole Beckwith was born in Stark county Indiana, the 7th day of March 1849, and passed from this life at her home of Oconee, Platte County Nebraska, Sunday March 14, 1915. Following the removal of the family to Michigan, Miss Cole was united in marriage to F J Beckwith at Three Oaks, that state, November 22, 1869. To this union were born twelve children, three of whom have departed this life.

The family came from Colorado to Nebraska in 1888 and established their home near Silver Creek. For the past eleven years they have been residents of Oconee, where Mrs Beckwith passed away only a few days following her sixty-sixth birthday. The deceased is survived by her mother, Mrs S A Cole of this city, by her husband, and nine children, five sons and four daughters. She also leaves one brother, Arthur, who resides at Soda Springs, Oregon, and three sisters - Mrs Ada Shandy of Eckville, Alberta Canada, Mrs Alice Parker of Minden Mines Missouri, and Mrs Maude Trail of Palmer Nebraska. One aunt, Mrs Charlotte Leroy, resides in this city.

Mrs. Beckwith was a lady of beautiful character, and there are many distant relatives and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She became a Christian at the age of fifteen, and united with the Methodist church. It is the judgment of those who knew her well that she lived ever a consistent Christian life.

[source] Central City Republican (Central City Nebraska); 18 March 1915; from the Central City Public Library; shared at Find A Grave by Camy Cremeen Rea, 2018. Thank you Camy!

F. J. Beckwith Dies - Franklin J. Beckwith, former well known Platte county farmer, who had been making his home in recent years with his sons Walter and Clarence, at Huston, Ida., passed away there Saturday, Feb. 6. Word of his death was received here today in a brief letter to The Telegram from his daughter, Mrs. Pete Munter, of Marsing, Ida. Mr. Beckwith farmed for many years in vicinity of Silver Creek and then for seven or eight years resided in Oconee while he farmed a a piece of land about a mile west of the village. He was an ardent democrat and took an active part in the county council of the party during his residence in Platte county, serving as delegate to the county conventions and as a precinct committeeman. Mrs. Beckwith died in 1914 while they were living at Oconee; and about two years later, Mr. Beckwith left there, going first to Brown county where he spent several years; then to San Antonio, Tex., where his son Bert, resides, and later to Idaho. He was past 80 years of age at the time of his death. He leaves four sons and four daughters and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

[source] Columbus Daily Telegram; 11 February 1932.

Frank Beckwith Dies at Age of 84 - Mrs Charles Lowe received word this week of the death of her father, FJ Beckwith at the home of his youngest son, Clarence, at Payette Idaho, on Saturday February 6. Mr Beckwith had reached the age of 84 years. He was bedfast only a day and a half, pneumonia being the cause of his death. Many of the old timers here will remember him, as he was a resident here for many years prior to 1910. He is survived by seven children, his wife having died a number of years ago.

[source] Silver Creek Sand (Silver Creek Nebraska); 12 Feb 1932; advantage preservation newspaper archive database.

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