

SIXTY YEARS AGONE

MRS. CARLOS LATTIN, WHO DIED YESTERDAY, SETTLED ON THESE PRAIRIES.

The Passing of a Pioneer, Whose Husband Was Here the First Year the Whites Settled. E. J. Rathbun, Once of Cortland, Iowa, at Pierson, Iowa.—Death of Roy, Beloved Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Burbank.

Mrs. Carlos Lattin died at her home on Somonauk street, in this city, at about 3 o'clock Friday morning of this week. She had long been in feeble health.

Mrs. Lattin was one of the pioneers of DeKalb county, having come here in 1840 when a few scattered cabins were the only evidence of human habitation.

Nancy, daughter of James and Ruth (Pierce) Cartwright, was born August 9, 1820, in the town of Perinton, Monroe county, N. Y., where she spent her youth. There she was married on September 5, 1839, to Carlos Lattin, who was born in Reading, Conn., in 1813 and two years later removed with his parents to that part of Chemung county, N. Y., now included in Schuyler county, where he grew to manhood.

Carlos Lattin came to DeKalb county, in 1835 and took possession of a claim including the west part of the present site of Sycamore. When the land came into market he entered a claim to 160 acres of land, now within the city limits. Mr. and Mrs. Lattin built a log house in Sycamore, on Main street, near the present location of the National bank. This was their home for ten years. They next erected a brick house on High street, which they occupied ten years. Their next residence was a large frame house, which was built on the

Somonauk and West High street, which is owned and occupied today by the daughter of this sturdy pioneer—Mrs. Sarah Lattin Stevens and her husband, F. E. Stevens.

This first home in Sycamore was for ten years the center of everything. Here were held political meetings, prayer meetings, and every sort of gathering that took place in those days. No one ever was refused its hospitality.

March 15, 1931, will mark the 96th anniversary of the day when Carlos Lattin founded Sycamore and became its first settler.
