

Obit.—Baker, Edwin  
June 16, 1853—Feb. 14, 1926

## Inspires Unusual Burial Monument

INSCRIPTION READS. "BE  
KIND TO ANIMALS"

### Life of Edwin Baker Dedicated to Humane Treatment of All Dumn Animals

In the Little Prairie cemetery, just to the east of the Little Prairie settlement, there stands a most unusual monument marking the grave of one who through his entire life had been kind to animals and at his death requested that his monument bear an inscription which would possibly inspire others to a love of dumb animals and lead them to care for them in a humane manner. The monument bears the engraved picture of a horse with the following inscription, "Be Kind to Animals."

Edwin Baker, the man who at an early age dedicatd his life to the furtherance of kindness to animals, who had great love for all living things died February 14, 1926 and was layed to rest in the little church yard cemetery almost in sight of his old home where he was born and where he spent his entire life. The monument, erected by his brother, Arthur Baker, was recently finished by the Jackson Monument company here.

His brother, Arthur, tells of his life of kindness to all dumb animals and of his great love for horses. He states that he always had several head of horses on the farm and that from his early childhood he had always been solicitious of their welfare and comfort on the farm. When ten years of age, according to Arthur, he had tied a team of horses at the far end of the field during haying time. When about to enter the house for dinner the young lad noticed that he had carelessly tied the team in the hot sunshine instead of under a nearby tree in the shade. Though the family was waiting dinner he ran down through the field to correct his error and upon approaching the team from the rear, his haste and the sudden manner in which he approached, frightened the team and one of the horses kicked him. He suffered considerably from the injury but it never changed his attitude toward the horse. ~~He~~ ~~kicked him or to~~ and horses in

### EDWIN BAKER

On Sunday at the family home occurred the death of Edwin Baker after a brief illness. Mr. Baker was a son of John and Grace Bone Baker, early settlers of this community. He was born June 16th, A. D. 1853, and always resided on the homestead. He was never married and took care of his parents in their declining years and was a great help and comfort to them.

In youth he attended the district school near by, and later attended Milton and Carroll colleges.

Mr. Baker was a successful farmer and was honorable in all his dealings.

His brother, Alfred, unmarried, lived with him on the homestead and the two were one and inseparable. The funeral took place Wednesday from the M. E. church at Little Prairie, Rev. Booth, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the family lot