

TWO BURNED TO DEATH DEC. 23

Aged Brother And Sister Die When Flames Destroy Home

Walter M. Arnold, 79, and his sister, Miss Lerena Arnold, 89, were burned to death early Saturday morning by a fire that destroyed their home in the Sugarfork community, six miles southeast of Franklin.

The two lived alone on the farm.

The blaze was discovered about 5 a. m. by Gaither Teem, one of the nearest neighbors. He said the blaze was out when he reached the spot and only a few bones and charred remains of the victims were found.

Arnold was said to have occupied a first floor room and his sister a second floor room over his.

The house, built of logs, was destroyed.

Miss Arnold, partly blind for years, had been totally blind the last five years.

Miss Arnold and Mr. Arnold were the daughter and son of the late William and Mary Redman Arnold, descendants of colonial and revolutionary families. They were both members of the Sugarfork Baptist church of which their father was one of the founders.

Double funeral services were held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Sugarfork Baptist church. The pastor, the Rev. R. F. Mayberry, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A number of nephews and nieces survive.