

## TAPS FOR "GRANDPA" MORSE

### Grand Old Man Died Christmas Day

### Had Reached 102<sup>nd</sup> Milestone Last October

Funeral services for Mark H. Morse, 102, Civil War veteran, who died Saturday at Mercy hospital, Anamosa, were held Tuesday, December 28, from the Wyoming school gymnasium at Wyoming, with the Rev. Robert Allen, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. E. G. Steinman, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

All the service posts of Jones County and the Maquoketa Legion took part in the services. Albert Ament, Anamosa commander, played taps as a squad from the Wyoming post fired the last salute.

#### Obituary

Mark H. Morse, son of John W. and Phoebe B. Morse, was born at Bradford, N. H., October 18, 1841.

When Mark was 11 years old, his parents came to Iowa and settled on a farm, five miles east of Wyoming in the Pheasant Ridge community. He attended the country school in that community and took advanced work in the Maquoketa schools.

When the call came for volunteers in the Civil War, Morse enlisted in the Thirty-first Iowa Infantry, Co. F, on August 13, 1862, at Maquoketa. During

his three years of active service he was in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and the Atlanta campaign. Although never injured he was seriously ill of a fever while in Georgia. He was discharged at Louisville, Ky., on July 27, 1865.

On January 25, 1867, he was married to Miss Eliza Willis of Monmouth, Iowa. The young couple settled on the Morse farm, east of Wyoming, and lived there until 1897, when they took up their residence at the present home in Wyoming. They were privileged to enjoy 60 years of wedded life before the death of Mrs. Morse in 1927. Two sons were born to this union, John W., and William N., both of Wyoming. After the death of Mrs. Morse, he lived alone for a time but of late years his grandson, Clifford Morse and Mrs. Clifford Morse have lived with him. He bore the burden of his years lightly and was alert and active until a week and a half ago, when he became ill. On Thursday, December 23, his condition necessitated that he be taken to the hospital at Anamosa, where he died Saturday, December 25, at 12:30 p.m.

Survivors are the two sons, four grandsons, Reginald Morse, Harrison Morse and Clifford Morse, all of Wyoming, John Morse of Cedar Rapids, and two granddaughters, Mrs. Grizelda Stute of White Plains, N. Y., and Mrs. Edith Jeffry of Clinton and two great granddaughters, Sharon Jeffry of Clinton and Karen Morse of Wyoming.

Mark Morse was a life-long member of the Presbyterian church, his father being one of the founders and trustees of the local church. He was prominent in the G. A. R., serving as local commander many years, and also as county commander. He was active in all state and national conventions of the G. A. R., seldom missing these encampments.

Interested in Civil War trophies and antiques, he had in his travels about the state accumulated a large collection of museum pieces.

His love of flowers was manifested in his flower garden and the many beautiful bouquets sent to friends and shut-ins.

The school children will remember him for his stories of Civil War days and the presentation of a small flag to each at the close of his story.

As a respected citizen, the community will miss his familiar erect figure in uniform, at gatherings and his cheerfulness that was contagious to all he came in contact with.