

OBITUARY

Bloomfield

Harvey A. Bloomfield, son of Chancey Noble and Eliza Ann Bloomfield, was born in Columbia, Green County, Illinois, Nov. 13, 1841 and died at his home, 221 North Ninth Street, Albia, Iowa, on Wednesday morning, January 10, 1940, aged 98 years, one month and 27 days.

He came from Illinois to Eddyville at an unknown date, where he lived for a number of years. Then he moved to Oskaloosa, where he lived until 1919, when he came to Albia.

He learned the trade of carpenter and cooper in his youth, which trade he followed all of his active life. He has been retired from active work for about 20 years.

He enlisted in the United States army for the Civil War, on July 12, 1861, in Company G, 21st Missouri Infantry, and he served for the duration of the war. He was the last surviving member of the G. A. R., in Monroe County. Two years ago he had the very great pleasure of attending the joint encampment of the northern and southern veterans at Gettysburg, as guests of the government. He loved to talk of his army experiences, and frequently spoke of the battle of Shiloh in which he had taken part. He was in a number of other battles. He also talked of his Gettysburg trip.

He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Farley, on October 13, 1862. To

this union were born five children, two of whom died in infancy. The other three grew to manhood and womanhood. But all have preceded him in death. His wife passed away on May 17, 1921. He was married again to Mrs. Emma Hull on September 12, 1922.

While he was living in Eddyville he was raised to sublime degree of a Master Mason by the lodge of that place. And it is very fitting that the brethren of that lodge have been requested to give the Masonic service at his grave. The last time his pastor visited him he talked Masonically with me, and repeated part of the Master Mason's obligation. He had not forgotten it through the years.

Mr. Bloomfield and his first wife were baptized, and united with the Methodist church of Albia, February 2, 1921, under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Longnecker. He has been a faithful member of the church, and he loved to have his pastor visit with him. And although he was not able to attend the church services for several years, he faithfully gave his support to the church, and was much interested in its progress.

Brother Bloomfield has been gradually growing more and more feeble. But he began to fail rapidly a year ago. He lost the use of his limbs, the final result of an accident he had a number of years ago. This compelled him to spend much time in his wheelchair. He enjoyed being outside

when the weather was pleasant. But with his enforced confinement, he longed to be released from this earthly life and be taken to his heavenly home. This desire was graciously granted by the heavenly father, when on Wednesday morning, January 10 he peacefully and quickly passed away.

Besides his wife, who has also been very ill, Brother Bloomfield leaves one sister, Mollie Acord of Oskaloosa; one brother, C. N. Bloomfield of Albia; one grandson, Ed Bloomfield of Seattle, Washington; and a stepdaughter, Mrs. A. W. Rowley, who has faithfully and lovingly cared for her father and mother during their illness. Mr. Bloomfield also leaves a number of nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

The funeral service was held at the Methodist church Friday, Jan. 12 at 1:30, the pastor W. R. Keesey conducting the service. A large attendance of the American Legion post, and members of the Eddyville Masonic lodge were present. The songs were sung by Mrs. Spinks and Mrs. Shaver, with Mrs. Minnie Peterson as organist. The interment was in Forest cemetery, Oskaloosa, with the Masonic service, and the military salute and taps by the American Legion boys.