Stewart H. Bell Passes
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Venerable Resident of Grinnell Died Early Sunday at Community Hospital.

FUNERAL THURSDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P.M. FROM HOME
Burial in Hickory Grove Cemetery.
Mr. Bell Was Old Soldier and Respected Citizen.

Stewart H. Bell, for many years a respected resident of this community, passed away early Sunday morning at the Community Hospital at the advanced age of 88 years, 4 months, and 9 days.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, 1707 Seventh Ave., conducted by Rev. W.B. Wilson. Burial will be in the Hickory Grove cemetery in the neighborhood where Mr. Bell lived and worked during his active life. In those days he lived near Anson Moxley who wrote the obituary notice which follows:

Stewart H. Bell was born on Nov. 4, in the year 1838 in St. Joseph county, Ind., and died on March 15th, 1927. He enlisted as a private in Co. I, the 125th regiment, Illinois Infantry, Aug. 23, 1862, and was discharged on July 12, 1865 at Pine Bluff, Ark.

On Feb. 26, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Carothers at Niles, Mich.

They came to this section of country in the year 1875 in a covered wagon, and located on a farm about eleven miles northwest of Grinnell where they lived for 33 years. In the year 1908 they moved to Grinnell where they resided until his death.

In the year 1926 they celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding day.

To this union seven children were born: Harvey Bell of Portland, Oregon, George Bell of Eden, Mont, Oliver Bell, of Grinnell, Mrs. Stella Hinton of Fort Dodge, Mrs. Rose Walker of Grinnell, Mrs. Alberta Ahrens of Estherville and Adda Bell of Grinnell. There are forty-one grand children and nine great-grand children.
Grand Army of the Republic

Stewart H. Bell

2015 will mark the 150th anniversary of the end of America's Civil War. Grinnell Historical Museum volunteers Karen Groves, Ann Igne, Julie Young and Shane Estes have created biographies of the 28 Civil War veterans who were participants in a project just after World War I to photograph Civil War veterans. The Nina Wayne Grau Studio photographed the Grinnell veterans in 1922. Over 200 Civil War veterans are buried in Hazelwood Cemetery, including most of the veterans photographed in 1922. Here is one of those portraits and biographies.

Stewart H. Bell was born Nov. 4, 1838, in St. Joseph County, Ind. He enlisted in Company 1 of the 126th Illinois Infantry on Aug. 23, 1862. He was discharged July 12, 1865 at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. His unit had served at LaGrange, Humboldt and Jackson, Tenn.; the Siege at Vicksburg, Miss.; and at Helena, Little Rock, Duvall’s Bluff, Clinton and Pine Bluff, Ark. Stewart was one of four brothers who served in the Civil War, and all four survived the war.

Stewart Bell and Mary Carothers were married at Niles, Mich., on Feb. 20, 1866. In 1875 they came in a covered wagon and located on the prairie three miles northwest of where the town of Newburg was later located. At that time, Gilman was the closest village. They lived there 33 years until they moved in 1908 to 1707 Seventh Ave. in Grinnell. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1926.

The Bells were parents of seven children: Harvey Bell, George Bell, Oliver Bell, Stella Bell Hinton, Rosa Bell Walker, Alberta Bell Ahrens and Addie Bell. Stewart died March 14, 1927 at the age of 89 years and was buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Jasper County.