"There Shall Be One Vacant Chair"

WILLIAM BORTELL
Commander of Gordon Granger Post, G.A.R., is buried today.

William Bortell, the son of Emanuel and Katherine Bortell, was born in Patterson, Juniata County, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1842. His service in the Union army began with President Lincoln's call for volunteers. He enlisted in Company A of the 1st Pennsylvania cavalry, with which he saw active service for four years, mostly in Virginia. After the battle of Gettysburg Mr. Bortell was detailed as orderly and carried messages to President Lincoln. Immediately after his discharge he returned to his home in Mifflin, Pa.

He was married to Miss Susan Noon at Port Royal, Juniata County, Pa., August 5, 1865. Six children were born to this union, one of whom, Rebecca, died in infancy. The five surviving children are Mrs. Laura Hayes, Irvin Bortell and Mrs. Kate Neely, all of Grinnell, Mrs. Maud Davis of Morrowville, Kansas, and Mrs. Hattie Bump of Monona. All the children were at their father's bedside when he passed away. No more devoted family could be found anywhere than this.

Mr. Bortell united with the Methodist church in Grinnell in 1875 and was the oldest member of the church when he died. His wife preceded him in death July 3, 1917.

He has always taken a great interest in the affairs of the G.A.R. and at the time of his death was commander of Gordon Granger Post.

He is survived by his five children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Death Calls Wm. Bortell

Once More Ranks of Grinnell's Civil War Veterans Have Been Thinned

WAS COMMANDER OF GORDON GRANGER POST, G.A.R.

Funeral Services Were Held This Afternoon From Methodist Church

The thinning ranks of the veterans of the Civil War suffered another loss when William Bortell, for many years an honored and respected citizen of Grinnell passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Hayes. If Mr. Bortell had lived three weeks longer, he would have been 91 years old.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. W. J. Fowler. Appropriate music was furnished by a male quartet composed of Keith Vine, E. G. Peterson, E. L. York and Rev. W. J. Fowler, who sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul", "Rock of Ages", and "Tenting Tonight". Pall bearers were R. G. Coutts, T. S. Mason, Norman Pilgrim, W. H. Alley, Wm. Harris, and Martin Eichhorn. Mr. Bortell rests with so many of his comrades who were the blue in Hazelwood cemetery, where for so many years he had been so active.
William Bortell was born May 8, 1842, in Patterson, Pa. He was not wounded but did suffer several minor injuries. He enlisted in Company A, 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry, in the famous battle of Gettysburg in 1863. The unit spent most of its time in Maryland and participated in the famous battle of Gettysburg. Bortell was married to Susan Ann at the time in Mifflin, Pa. He returned to his home town of Mifflin to raise his children. The Bortells lived at 403 East St. Bortell was quite active and made several trips to the battlefields of Gettysburg. His family moved to Quincy, Ill., in 1872. William Bortell was the oldest member of the church and was a carpenter and immediately obtained work in helping to build the Mare Island Railroad from Marshalltown to Quincy, Ill. The Bortells became members of the Methodist church in Quincy, and lived at 403 East St. Bortell was quite active and made several trips to the battlefields of Gettysburg.