JOHN H. KELLENBARGER
One of Grinnell's Old Settlers Has Reached the End of a Long
March.

HAD JUST PASSED HIS
EIGHTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY.

Mr. Kellenbarger Has Lived a Vigorous, Useful Life. Will Be
Greatly Missed.

John Hillary Kellenbarger was
born at Oil Creek, Perry county, In-
diana, on January 26, 1838. He died
at Grinnell, Iowa, March 5, 1922, be-
ing at the time of his death just past
84 years of age. As a youth he came
with his parents to Iowa finally estab-
lishing at Cambria. When the Civil
War broke out he enlisted as a pri-
ivate in Co. B, 3rd Iowa infantry. He
was severely wounded at the battle
of Shiloh as a result of which he was
discharged. He re-enlisted in the 9th
Iowa cavalry with which he served
throughout the rest of the war, being
discharged in March, 1866, with the
rank of first lieutenant.

On March 1, 1868, at Pella, Iowa,
Mr. Kellenbarger was united in mar-
rriage to Josephine Elliott, who still
survives him. To this union there
were born three daughters, all of
whom are living: Mrs. A. E. Wim-
mer, of Chicago, Ill.; Loretta P. Kel-
lenbarger of Modesto, Cal.; and Lo-
ett Kellenbarger of Grinnell; also a
granddaughter, Mrs. William Yonker
of Chicago.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Kel-
lenbarger moved to a farm which he
had bought near Kellogg, Iowa. In
1893 he gave up farming and moved
to Grinnell where the family has
lived to the present time.

While living on the farm Mr. Kel-
lenbarger was a member of the Bap-
tist church at Kilduff and was very
active in both church and Sunday
school work.

Mr. Kellenbarger was of a retiring,
homeloving disposition; in the fifty-
five years of their married life he
and Mrs. Kellenbarger were nev-
er separated on their wedding an-
iversary until the last one which
was just a week before his death.
Mrs. Kellenbarger being forced to be
absent in Chicago for special treat-
ment of her eyes.

The presence of many comrades of
the Civil War at the funeral services
spoke of a fellowship that was very
close and many other friends of many
years gathered to witness their deep-
est sympathy with the family in the
hour of their loss. Services were held
Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev.
C. A. Carmean, assisted by Rev. Mr.
Clapp. Burial was in Hazeldale.

Music was furnished by a male
quartet consisting of Rev. C. A. Car-
mean, Cecil Myers, Rev. W. L. Clapp,
and Loren Moorehead.

The active pallbearers were F. P.
Martin, O. J. Worcester, Cecil Myers,
A. E. Johnson, W. J. Nelson and J. L.
Fellows. The honorary pallbearers,
all comrades of Mr. Kellenbarger in
the G. A. R., were T. J. Noll, H. L.
Davis, P. D. Burton, E. Shadbolt, El
W. Bortell, E. A. Field.

Those present from out of town to
attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs.
A. E. Wimmer of Chicago, W. G.
Elliott of Mason City, Iowa, Mrs. M. H.
Bisford of Des Moines and Mr. and
Mrs. T. Nymouse and daughters of
Kellogg.
John Hillary Kellenbarger was born on Jan. 19, 1849, in Oil Creek, Ind. The family moved to Iowa and settled at Cambria in Wayne County.

Kellenbarger enlisted in Company B of the Third Iowa Infantry. The unit guarded railroads and fought against guerrillas in North Central Missouri at Chillicothe, Hannibal, St. Joseph, Brookfield, Kirksville and Blue Mills. Kellenbarger was injured severely in the battle at Shiloh and was discharged.

He re-enlisted in November of 1863 when the Ninth Iowa Cavalry was organized and served throughout the rest of the war in Missouri and Arkansas, in the Red River Campaign and in Austin and Brownsville in Texas. The unit was not released until March 23, 1866.

John Kellenbarger and Josephine Elliott were married March 1, 1868, in Pella where her father was a pastor. She had been a student at Central University. After their marriage they moved to a farm five miles south of Kellogg. In 1893 they moved to 1208 East St. in Grinnell. In 1918 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They had three daughters, Mrs. A.E. Wimmer, Lucetta and Leota.

Kellenbarger was proud of the many relics he retained from his army service. He had the bullet which shattered his shoulder at Shiloh. He entered the army as a private and came out as a first lieutenant. He retained his knapsack, his canteen and his lieutenant’s uniform, including coat, shoulder straps, a lieutenant’s purple sash and his sword and saber as well as other relics. These were all on display at the couple’s 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Kellenbarger died March 8, 1923, in Grinnell at the age of 83 and was buried in Hazelwood Cemetery. Many Civil War comrades and fellow members of the Grand Army of the Republic post in Grinnell showed their support to their friend by participating in his funeral service.