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JOHN H. KELLENBARGER

One of Grinnell's Old Soldiers 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, Indiana, on January 19, 1840. He died at Grinnell, Iowa, March 8, 1922, being at the time of his death just past 82 years of age. As a youth he came with his parents to Iowa finally settling at Cambria. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted as a private 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 marriage to Josephine Elliott who still survives him. To this union there were born three daughters, all of whom are living: Mrs. A. E. Wimmer, of Chicago, Ill.; Lucetta P. Kellenbarger of Modesto, Calif., and Leta Kellenbarger of Grinnell; also a granddaughter, Mrs. William Youker of Chicago.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Kellenbarger 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. Kellenbarger was a member of the Baptist church at Kilduff and was very active in both church and Sunday School work.

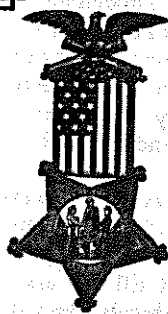
Mr. Kellenbarger was of a retiring, home loving disposition; in the fifty-five years of their married life he and Mrs. Kellenbarger were never separated on their wedding anniversary until the last one which was just a week before his death. Mrs. Kellenbarger being forced to be absent in Chicago for special treatment 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 deepest sympathy with the family in the hour of their loss. Services were held Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. C. A. Carman, assisted by Rev. Mr. Clapp. Burial was in Hazelwood.

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

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

Those present from out of town to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wimmer of Chicago, W. C. Elliott of Mason City, Neb., Mrs. R. H. Bluford of Des Moines and Mr. and Mrs. T. Nyhouse and daughters of Kellogg.



Grand Army of the Republic

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2015 will mark the 150th anniversary of the end of America's Civil War. Grinnell Historical Museum volunteers Karen Groves, Ann Igoe, Julie Young and Shane Estes have created biographies of men who were participants in a local 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:

John Hillary Kellenbarger was born on Jan. 19, 1840, 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.

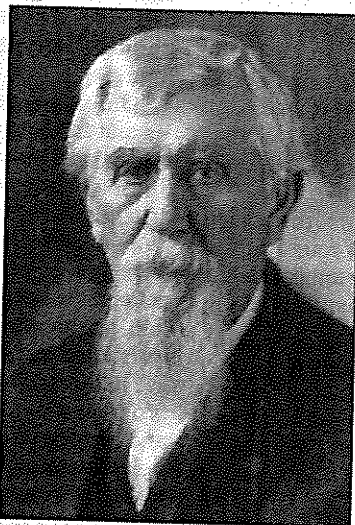
He re-enlisted in November of 1863 when the Ninth Iowa Cavalry was organized and served throughout the rest of the war in Missouri and Arkansas, in the Red River Campaign and in Austin and Brownsville in Texas. The unit was not released until March 23, 1866.

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.



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