T. G. Pilgrim
Is Summoned

Closes a Life Full of Good Works At
The Ripe Old Age of 67
Years.

SERVED THREE YEARS
IN THE UNION ARMY

Had Made His Home in Grinnell and
Its Vicinity for the Past Forty
Years.

Thomas G. Pilgrim was born in Con-
necticut Feb. 11, 1840, and died at his
home in Grinnell, Iowa, Feb. 3, 1927,
having reached the age of almost 87
years. He was united in marriage
with Miss Laura Clark, on Nov. 26,
1865, and for a little more than 62
years they walked life's highway to-
gether in faithful companionship. Five
children were born to them, all of
whom, with the wife and mother,
mourn the passing of a loved one.
The children are, Mrs. Will Haffey,
Olmans, Mrs. A. H. Buech, Grinnell,
Miss Corinne Pilgrim, at home, H. C.,
and Will Pilgrim of Omaha, Neb. Five
grandchildren also survive him.

Mr. Pilgrim served for three years
in the Civil War, enlisting at Rock
Island, Ill., Aug. 14, 1861, and was
mustered in as Corporal in Co. A 37
18, 1861. The regiment was known as
the "Fremont Rifles" and participated
in many major engagements of the
war. It is estimated that this regi-
ment covered a distance of 17,445 miles
and earned the sobriquet of the "Illi-
nois Greyhounds."

He was well known in this commu-
nity as he lived in Grinnell and vicini-
ty for forty three years. He engaged
extensively in dairying in which busi-
ness he was considered an expert. A
man of splendid character and clean
living he was highly esteemed by all
who knew him.

Funeral services were held at the
home on Sunday afternoon in charge
of the Rev. George Blagg. Appropriate
hymns were sung by a male quar-
tet under the direction of Mr. Dave
Peck. Burial was made in Hazelwood.
Thomas G. Pilgrim was born Feb. 11, 1840, in Connecticut. On Aug. 14, 1861, at Rock Island, Ill., he was mustered into Company A of the 37th Illinois Infantry Regiment as a corporal.

The unit was known as the Fremont Rifles and participated in many major engagements in the western theater during the Civil War. The regiment fought at Pea Ridge; guarded the frontier against guerrillas in Missouri; moved into Arkansas for the battle of Prairie Grove; moved on to Cape Girardeau, Mo., then Vicksburg and Yazoo City, Miss.

The regiment next traveled south to Bayou Fordoche, La., and then to the Rio Grande and Brownsville in Texas.

The unit constructed a steamboat bridge across a bayou in Louisiana and shortly thereafter Corp. Pilgrim was mustered out of service on Oct. 4, 1864. The unit earned the new title of Illinois Greyhounds due to the overall distance they covered during the war, 17,846 miles.

Thomas Pilgrim married Lizzie Clark in Rock Island, Ill., on Nov. 26, 1868. They moved to Grinnell in 1884. They were the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Will Halkey, Mrs. A.H. Bacon and Miss Carrie Pilgrim, all of the Grinnell area, and two sons, H. C. and Will of Omaha, Neb.

In the 1890 city directory the family’s address was 622 Main St. In 1894 they were living at 932 Summer St.

The directory lists Pilgrim’s occupation as dairyman or milkman. After Pilgrim’s retirement the family lived at 603 Broad St. and then 1602 Fifth Ave.

Pilgrim died on Feb. 3, 1927, at the age of 86 years, eleven months and 22 days. He was buried at Hazelwood Cemetery.