

James S. Rollins Dies

3-21-1929
Long Life of Honored Veteran of
the Civil War Bench
Close.

LIVED ON FARM NEAR
GRINNELL 35 YEARS

Funeral Services Were Conducted
Wednesday by Rev. J. I.
Frederick.

James S. Rollins was born, November 26, 1836, at Albion, Maine, the son of Levi and Julia Smart Rollins. He came to Iowa April 3, 1857. He was married to Matilda Jane Fuller on January 3, 1860 at Durant, Iowa. On August 13, 1862 he enlisted in Co. B. of the 24th Iowa Infantry at Tipton, Iowa, and was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, July 17, 1865. He moved to a farm near Grinnell in the spring of 1875 where he lived for 35 years. At that time he retired to his home on Third Avenue where he spent the remainder of his life. On January 3, 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Rollins celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary. Shortly after this Mrs. Rollins passed away.

He is survived by a son, John S. Rollins of Grinnell, a daughter, Mrs. Sherman Buchanan of Des Moines, six grandchildren J. L. Rollins, Miss Dolly Rollins, Mrs. Edith Willis, Joe Rollins, H. H. Rollins and Miss Amie Buchanan, and one great grandchild, Miss Maxine Rollins.

He was a member of the Gordon Granger Post of the O. A. R. and was a charter member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

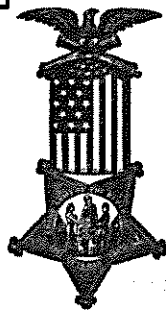
A few months ago Mr. Rollins went to Des Moines to be at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Sherman Buchanan. A few weeks ago he went to the Methodist hospital for treatment but later returned to the home of his daughter where he died Monday, March 18.

The body was brought to Grinnell for burial, the funeral occurring at his late home at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, March 20. Services were conducted by the Rev. J. I. Frederick of the Presbyterian church. Music was furnished by Roy Stoddard of Gilman who sang "Abide With Me" and "There Is No Night There."

Bearers were Spanish American War Veterans, John Rehder, Lou Campbell, Chas. McNally, Luther Verbeck, Burt Abel and A. M. Barr.

The writer has known Mr. Rollins during his entire residence in this community. In the latter 70's when we were well acquainted with him the family always attended church. He and his wife were hard workers and they were of the highest type of citizenship and their lives were such that no one ever accused them of being dishonorable in their dealings with their fellow men. As they grew older and retired from the farm they still maintained a high type of citizenship and their home was a home where magazines and books were read.

Mr. Rollins was proud of his revolutionary ancestry. He came of the hardy group who located in Maine at an early day and who not only worked for the better things in national life but who served and fought for them. When the last kind words are said in memory of Mr. Rollins he will be recalled by those who knew him best as a man of determined purpose, always quiet, always generous in his thought of others and always faithful to the best things which this world gives us.



Grand Army of the Republic

JAMES S. ROLLINS

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:

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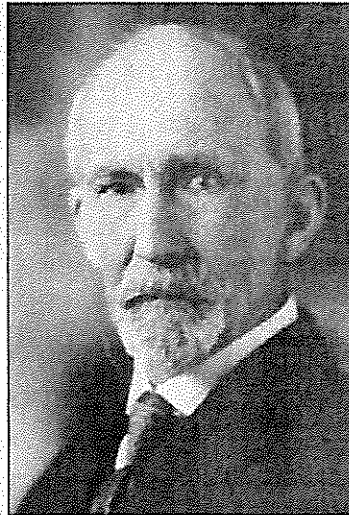
Rollins enlisted in the 24th Iowa Infantry on Aug. 13, 1862, in Muscatine, and mustered into Co. B. of the 24th Iowa Infantry on Aug. 29, 1862. He saw action in the battles of Port Gibson, Champion's Hill, Vicksburg, Sabine Cross Roads and Pleasant Hill and was involved in the campaigns of the Red River, Shenandoah Valley and around the city of Savannah.

In January of 1865, the 24th Iowa joined the 22nd and 28th Iowa regiments where it served vigilantly as rear guard to General Sherman's northward marching army through Georgia.

During its service, the 24th Iowa

Infantry lost nine officers and 119 enlisted men killed in battle and lost three officers and 212 enlisted men to disease. Rollins was discharged on July 17, 1865, in Savannah, Ga., with the rank of waggoner.

Rollins settled a mile and a half west of Grinnell in the spring of 1875, farming 160 acres and raising stock there for 35 years before retiring to a home at 1104 Third Ave. in Grinnell. He was an active member of the Gordon Granger Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War veterans, and was a charter member of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Rollins died at the age of 92 on March 18, 1929, in Des Moines and is buried in Hazelwood Cemetery. Surviving him was his son, John Rollins of Grinnell and a daughter, Mrs. Anna (Sherman) Buchanan of Des Moines.