POWESHIEK PIONEER
CALLED BY DEATH
April 3, 1925
Funeral Services for E. Shadbolt Were Held Sunday From Baptist Church.
GORDON GRANGER POST G. A. R.
LOSES VALUED MEMBER
Made a Fine Record as a Soldier and Lived Useful and Respected Life.

E. SHADBOLT.

Elliott Shadbolt was born March 16, 1843, on what was then the frontier, in Lapeer County, Michigan, and died March 30, 1925, at Grinnell, Iowa, being eighty-two years and five days old. In 1861 his parents moved to Darion Center, New York, where he resided until 1864 when he went with them to Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. In 1861 he answered Lincoln's call for three-year volunteers, by enlisting in Company I of the 6th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was sent east in July of that year and was employed in the construction of fortifications about Washington during the remainder of the year. During the eventful years following he participated in the campaign on the Peninsula and in the battles at Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. He was wounded at Hoppahannock Station and was later given a furlough. He returned to the army in April of 1864 and was with his regiment in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor, and in the siege of Petersburg.

When he was mustered out he went to Scott County, Iowa, where he lived until his marriage May 14, 1872, to Isabelle M. Brownell. He brought his bride to a farm in Madison Township of this county where he spent the remainder of his active years. In 1892 he retired from the farm to the home in Grinnell which he occupied until his death. His first wife passed away Dec. 31, 1912. He was married again on April 11, 1913, to Mrs. Jennie Bjoold, who survives him. He also leaves one son, Alexander, from his first marriage, and a grandson, Edward, who reside in Chamberlain, South Dakota. Of his brothers and sisters, three still live, John W. of Denver, Colorado, Rowland A., of Chicago, and Ellen E. Chilton, of Faroe, Minnesota.

Mr. Shadbolt joined the Baptist Church at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in his thirteenth year, and has been a communicant at the Baptist and Christian churches as local convenience determined. The marked purity of his life amid the temptations of the camp won for him the nickname of Chaplain among his comrades.

Mr. Shadbolt has been peculiarly fortunate in the choice of his helpers. To the wife of his youth and the one who cared for him in his declining years, no sacrifice was too great when his comfort and the happiness of his home were involved.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock. They were conducted by Rev. S. B. Robinson, former pastor. Rev. Mr. McKim of the Medora church offered prayer. Two songs "Adele In Jesus", and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bohstedt, Mr. A. E. Johnson and Cecil Myers with Mrs. Ethel Davis and Mrs. Carter at the piano.

Attending the funeral in a boat were the members of the Relief Corp. the Grand Army and Mrs. Shadbolt.

Dearly beloved George L. Brown, John Alley, O. Worcester, J. N. Hartzell, George Manor and Charles Davis. It had been Mr. Shadbolt's wish that his burial service should be preceded by the text: "Be ye also ready and he had also requested that the text should not be one referring so much to his past life as an exhortation to the living to live lives which would fit them for the eternal home in heaven."

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Elliott Shadbolt was born March 15, 1843, in Lapeer County, Mich., and moved with his parents to New York in 1851. In 1854 the family moved to Fond du Lac, Wis., where he lived on a farm until 1859. He went to Washington County, Mo., for a few months in 1859 and the moved to Scott County in 1860 where he attended school and engaged in farming.

In the spring of 1861 he returned to Wisconsin where he answered Lincoln’s call and enlisted in Company I of the Fifth Wisconsin Volunteers. The unit was sent east and employed in construction of fortifications around Washington, D.C., during the remainder of that year.

In 1862 and 1863 Shadbolt’s unit participated in many of the legendary actions in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, including the Peninsula Campaign and the battles at Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. He was wounded in the leg at Rappahannock Station, Va., and recovered out of action until April of 1864.

His unit then participated in the progression of battles fought in Virginia between the armies of Generals Grant and Lee which led ultimately to Lee’s surrender, including the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Courthouse and Cold Harbor as well as the siege of Petersburg.

After discharge Shadbolt returned to Wisconsin and then to Scott County where he resumed farming.

Elliott Shadbolt married Isabella M. Brownlie on May 14, 1873, and brought his bride to a farm in Madison Township near Brooklyn. They had one son, Alexander.

The Shadbolls retired in 1903 and moved to 608 High St. in Grinnell where Isabella died in 1915. Shadbolt was married to Jennie Blood on April 11, 1918.

Shadbolt had joined the Baptist Church at Fond du Lac at the age of 13 and had been a communicant ever since in either a Baptist or a Christian church, depending on which was located where he was then living. His obituary said that “the marked purity of his life amid the temptations of the camps won for him the nickname of Chaplain among his comrades.”

Shadbolt died March 20, 1925, at the age of 82 years and 5 days. He was buried at Brooklyn IOOF Cemetery with his first wife.