DEATH OF PIONEER

Early Settler Near Searsboro Passed Away at Home of His Daughter

Archib Graham was born November 18, 1837 in Clearfield, Penn., and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Le- vie Williams, November 20, 1921, age 84 years, 30 days. His body was spent at the old home. At the age of twenty, he came to Iowa, where he was united in marriage, in Spring of 1859 to Mary Jane Gooden, who departed this life in 1897. To this union were born five children: six sons and three daughters. All of whom survive him, except Wil- liam Henry, who departed this life in early childhood. Philip H., of Long Beach, California; Eli of Sears-boro; Frank, of Lavinville; John C., of Des Moines; Alva, of Searsboro; Mary Stewart, of Oklahoma; Mable Williams, of Brooklyn, Iowa; Mary L., of Grinnell, all being present at the last. Special service was conducted Friday at 2 o'clock at Lavinville, Iowa, at Friends church, and the body was laid to rest in the Friends cemetery, at that place. In early life he gave his heart to God and united with the M. E. Church; later united with the Friends church of Searsboro, of which he was a member at the time of his death. He is buried in the Friends cemetery.

For the last year he has been in failing health, but only for a few days was he confined to his bed. During all his illness he showed that sweet Christian spirit and was never heard to murmur. He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his children, one grandchild and three grandchildren. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

A precious one from us is gone
A voice we love is still
A place is vacant in our home
Which only God can fill
God in his wisdom has called the one he has given
Through the body aches here,
His soul is safe in Heaven.

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FUNERAL FOR
MR. GRAHAM
LAST FRIDAY

Araia R. Graham was born November 10th, 1832 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and died November 20th, 1921, at Brooklyn, Iowa. He spent his hundred days all at his old home, coming to Scott County, Iowa, at the age of 26. He was united in marriage in the spring of 1859 to Mary Jane Gooden. To this union were born five children: six sons and three daughters. All of whom survive him, except William Henry, who departed this life in early childhood. Philip H., of Long Beach, California; Eli of Searsboro; Frank, of Lavinville; John C., of Des Moines; Alva, of Searsboro; Mary Stewart, of Oklahoma; Mable Williams, of Brooklyn, Iowa; Mary L., of Grinnell, all being present at the last. Special service was conducted Friday at 2 o'clock at Lavinville, Iowa, at Friends church, and the body was laid to rest in the Friends cemetery, at that place. In early life he gave his heart to God and united with the M. E. Church; later on in life he joined himself with the Friends Church of Searsboro, of which he was a faithful and constant member till the time of his death. For the past year he has been in failing health but only for a few days was he confined to the house and bed. During his entire illness he showed that sweet Christian spirit and was never heard to murmur. In his drooping life his countenance was radiant, bearing which was beautiful and precious to the dear ones present, assuring them of the conclusion: "Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord." Grandpa, as he was called, will be missed, the home will be lonely, but no place will be he missed more than at the family altar. His work is done. God called and he obeyed. He leaves a host of sorrowing children, one brother 91 years of age, and friends to mourn his loss. Short services were conducted at the home of his daughter, Maggie Williams. The remains were taken to the Friends Church in Lavinville, where the services were conducted by Brother Wood, Pastor, and interment was in the Friends cemetery.

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