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—It is always with regret that we record the death of a pioneer in the state, a man who has been with it from its infancy and who has aided by his industry, frugality and thrift to make it one of the first in the union in all that pertains to material prosperity. Such a man was Henry Altig, who came to Iowa in 1847, at Burlington, and to Westfield in 1850, thus having cast his fortunes in with the new Hawkeye state the year after it was admitted to the union.

Henry Altig was born in Maysville, Mason county, Ky., in 1821, and died at the home of his son, Perry, in Westfield, June 14, 1903, after a long illness, bringing him much suffering and pain. His age was a little over 82 years.

In 1844 Mr. Altig was married at New Orleans, La., to Amanda Ann Van Dusen of that city, who passed away in Sept., 1888. In 1847 the young couple, full of life and hope and vigor, emigrated to Burlington, Iowa, and three years later to Poweshiek county. Eight children were born to them, four of whom are still living: Mrs. Maria McCarl of Davenport, Mrs. Elizabeth Coakley of Grinnell, Adolphus A. Altig of Moline, and Perry Altig of Westfield.

The funeral service was held at the Westfield church Tuesday at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Howard Durfee of Kellogg, an old time and much valued friend of the deceased. Interment was in Westfield cemetery.

Mr. Altig was one of the best known citizens of this place and his friends included all his acquaintances. Genial, neighborly, kind, a friend to every one, it was but the natural lot of such a man that all should be his friends.

There are few left in Poweshiek whose residence of active life has reached 53 years, and to them we extend the full mead of praise for the noble part they have taken in helping to build up a great commonwealth. For those who have passed before, for Henry Altig and his compeers there will always be a kindly remembrance of their work, their influence and their personality, and the belief that the memory of their struggles and successes will aid and inspire the young to a higher idea of life's duties and life's object. 6-19-1903

Grinnell, Iowa, Tuesday, June 16, 1903

—His many friends were sorry to learn yesterday of the death of Henry C. Altig Sunday evening at the age of 82 years. The funeral occurs this afternoon at Westfield church at two o'clock. Born in Maysville, Ky., Jan. 27, 1821, he came to Poweshiek county in the very prime of life, in 1850, and for 53 years his life has been coincident with the history of the county and township. Always vigorous, active and outspoken in manner, he was a man who made friends and he leaves scores to remember him as a kindly man, a warm friend and a genial companion.