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Lyman S. C. Bailey

Lyman S. C. Bailey was born in Harrison county, Ind., Heath township, the 13th day of February, 1844. He died at his home near Bethel church, June 15, 1915, of heart trouble and other complications.

When four years of age he moved with his parents to Knox county, Ill. and in 1858, March 4th, his father died. Then being fourteen years old he tried to do his father's work as best he could. He stayed with his mother until he was eighteen years old, at which time the war broke out. He enlisted in the army Aug. 16, 1862, joining the 102nd Illinois Infantry Volunteers, Company A. He was mustered into the United States Services Sept. 2, 1862. He was on the Atlantic, Georgia campaign and marched to the sea as one of Sherman's "Bummers." February 1, 1865, he started to Raleigh, North Carolina.

From Raleigh, he went to Richmond, Virginia, about the 20th of April, 1865. Then from Richmond to Washington, D. C. He was mustered out of service June 5, 1865, at Washington, D. C. He was discharged from service June 14, 1865, and got home to Cameron, Ill. June 15 of the same month.

He moved to Iowa Sept. 18, 1870 and lived in Richland township, Jasper county, until his death. He was married to Miss Evaline Meredith, July 4, 1876, who preceded him in death Sept. 30, 1909. To this union were born eight children, all of whom survive him: three boys and five girls: Alna, Oral, Ida and Maud, who live at the parental home; Manzel who lives near by; Ada L. Vanzanty, who lives at Grinnell; Ethel M. Case, of Tama, Iowa, and Mrs. E. K. Poots of Clear Lake, Iowa. Also one brother and sister. All the children were at home during his last sickness.

Brother Bailey was a faithful husband and father, always ready to render any service that was in his power and ability to do, both at home and in public service, as he felt his duty and always counceled with his wife and children. "None knew him but to love him."

Father Bailey was converted in a revival meeting held at Black Oak school house, in the year 1871, and was active in religious services for a good many years. In later years he was not so active in church work but always had implicit faith in God and stood for the doctrines and principles for which the church stands.

He was a firm believer in, and reader of, the Bible and loved the preaching of a full gospel, and was a witness to the blood of Christ that cleanses from all sin.

About two weeks before his death he contracted a severe cold from which he partially recovered.

On Sunday evening before his death he was taken suddenly worse and steadily grew weaker. On Tuesday morning he had a sinking spell but recovered and was seemingly better all day, talking to his children and friends until the last. He said that he was ready and prepared to meet his God and loving wife. At 10 o'clock Tuesday night while talking to his children, he passed quietly away.

The music at the funeral which was indeed beautiful was rendered by Messrs. A. T. Gifford, Clifford Fritz, Rayford Ratcliff, Harvey Howell, the Misses Elna Fritz, Ellen Howell, Lessie Fritz, Grace Cline and Mrs. Roy White.

Messrs. A. T. Gifford and Rayford Ratcliff, of Lynnville, sang very softly the duet, "Looking This Way" accompanied by Miss Elna Fritz. Miss Elna Fritz sang very beautifully a solo accompanied by Miss Ellen Howell, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?"

The beautiful floral offerings showed the sincere respect for the deceased and sympathy for the children.

There were more flowers than could be displayed at the church.

Those who acted as pall bearers were: Harry Russel and Tom White of Sugar Creek; Richard Fritz, F. Stewart and Alpha Howell, of Bethel and Charley Hill of Turner, Ia.

Besides the immediate family those from a distance who attended the funeral were his brother, Joseph Bailey of Plattsmouth, Nebr.; W. J. Selle, of Cedar Falls; Harold Cam of Corning; Miss Audry Beals at Asa Meredith of Newton, Iowa; M. and Mrs. Bert Raffety of Oskaloosa; Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, of Mottuzuma; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Case at Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester McGregor, Grinnell.

Funeral services were at Bethel church on Friday, June 18, at 1:30 p. m., after which he was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, Lynnville. The scripture lesson used was St. John 14:1-18 and 1st Cor. 13:35-58. Texts used, 1st Cor. 15:4 St. John 11:25-26; Eph. 4:23-24.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Merryman, Oskaloosa, assisted by the pastor of Bethel church, Rev. Mr. Pickett.