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OBITUARY.

J. D. Barber.

Joseph Dorr Barber was born in Hillsdale, Columbia county, New York, August 13, 1842, the eldest of five children.

He moved with his parents to Benton, Yates county, New York, in 1857. At the age of eighteen he responded to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, enlisting at Geneva, New York, in Company I, Thirty-third New York volunteers. He served bravely and loyally in the army of the Potomac for two years as corporal and sergeant, losing an arm in charging the heights at Fredericksburg, receiving a bad wound from a shell and a bad saber cut on the head at Antietam. During this period he engaged in fourteen important battles and numerous skirmishes. He was honorably discharged with his regiment on June 2, 1863.

Later he graduated from the Bryant & Stratton business college at Rochester and held the positions of operator and train dispatcher at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for some time, afterward coming to Burlington and Kellogg, Iowa, to fill similar positions.

In 1872 Mr. Barber was united in marriage with Bertha S. Fish at Kellogg. To them were born four children, two daughters, Mrs. L. C. Kern of Waverly, Ia., and Mrs. P. E. Stuart, of Nashua, and two sons, Claire T. and Joseph D. of Grinnell, all of whom were present at the funeral services.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Barber united with the Baptist church at his home in Benton, and after coming to Kellogg he joined the Christian church, and took an active interest in rural Sunday schools while living on the farm. In 1900 he removed with his family to Grinnell, where he has since resided.

He is survived by his wife and four children, a sister, Mrs. M. B. Coons of Penn Yan, New York, who was present at his funeral, two brothers, William S. Barber of Penn Yan, and Jacob C. Barber of Prattsburg, New York.

The friends from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reimer and Mrs. A. L. Miller of Kellogg.

Mr. Barber was a prominent member in Gordon Granger Post, where he was highly respected. He had lived a useful, honorable life and had given loyally of his strength to others—his country and his family. His residence in Grinnell had won for him the friendship and respect of his neighbors and his absence will be keenly felt by them and by his comrades in the Grand Army.

Appropriate funeral services, following the G. A. R. ritual, were held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the late residence, conducted by Professor L. E. Parker and another of the fast passing heroes who wore the blue was laid to rest beside his comrades in Hazelwood.