

"There Shall Be One Vacant Chair"



WILLIAM BORTELL

Commander of Gordon Granger Post, G.A.R., is buried today.

Death Calls Wm. Bortell

Once More Ranks of Grinnell's
Civil War Veterans Have
Been Thinned

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DON GRANGER POST, G.A.R.

Funeral Services Were Held This
Afternoon From Methodist
Church

The thinning ranks of the veterans of the Civil War suffered another loss when William Bortell, for many years an honored and respected citizen of Grinnell passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Hayes. If Mr. Bortell had lived three weeks longer he would have been 91 years old.

Funeral services were held this afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. W. J. Fowler. Appropriate music was furnished by a male quartet composed of Keith Vine, E. G. Peterson, E. L. York and Rev. W. J. Fowler, who sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul", "Rock of Ages", and "Tenting Tonight". Pall bearers were R. G. Coutts, T. S. Mason, Norman Pilgrim, W. H. Alley, Wm. Harris, and Martin Eichhorn. Mr. Bortell rests with so many of his comrades who wore the blue, in Hazelwood cemetery, where for so many years he had gone on Me-

William Bortell, the son of Emanuel and Katherine Bortell, was born in Patterson, Juniata county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1842. His service in the Union army began with President Lincoln's call for volunteers. He enlisted in Company A of the 1st Pennsylvania cavalry, with which he saw active service for four years, mostly in Virginia. After the battle of Gettysburg Mr. Bortell was detailed as orderly and carried messages to President Lincoln. Immediately after his discharge he returned to his home in Mifflin, Pa.

He was married to Miss Susan Noon at Port Royal, Juniata county, Pa., August 5, 1865. Six children were born to this union, one of whom, Rebecca, died in infancy. The five surviving children are Mrs. Laura Hayes, Irvin Bortell and Mrs. Kate Neely, all of Grinnell, Mrs. Maude Davis, of Morrowville, Kans., and Mrs. Hattie Bump of Monroe. All the children were at their father's bedside when he passed away. No more devoted family could be found anywhere than this.

Mr. Bortell united with the Methodist church in Grinnell in 1875 and was the oldest member of the church when he died. His wife preceded him in death July 3, 1917.

He has always taken a great interest in the affairs of the G.A.R. and at the time of his death was commander of Gordon Granger Post.

He is survived by his five children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.