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Dudley Child.

It was more than one hundred years ago that a young man, who was afterwards known as "Deacon Dudley Child," led the way from Thompson, Vt., into the forests of Bath, New Hampshire. More than fifty years ago his son-in-law, Deacon S. N. Bartlett, and his grandson, Emory O. Bartlett, led an exodus from the little town of Bath to the smaller hamlet of Grinnell on these broad prairies. No other town ever furnished so many pioneers to this town, as did little Bath. This will be apparent from their names, viz.: The Bartletts, Sutherlands, Morrisons, Hibbards, Casses, two Child families, the Carsons, the Walkers, Cushman and the Stevenses.

Of Deacon Dudley Child's twelve children, six celebrated their golden wedding, and three of these, Mrs. S. N. Bartlett, Jonathan Child and Dudley Child held that celebration in Grinnell. The last survivor of these three, Mr. Dudley Child, died last Sunday morning, March 5th. Some of his English ancestors enjoyed the favor of royalty and were entitled to a coat of arms. His American ancestors, however, were loyal to New England interests, at least from the arrival of the first one in Massachusetts about the year 1630. All these were distinguished for their complete New England spirit, and his father especially whose early years included the fervor of the Revolution

of our Republic. W

Dudley Child in the pews, Bath could not be otherwise than a religious place.

The younger Dudley was a citizen of Bath until he came to Grinnell in 1885, forty-five years after his marriage to Hannah Hibbard. He was always of a quiet, retiring disposition without ambition for office or aggressive passion for gold. He was industrious, kind in all relations, and an honored citizen who is said never to have had an enemy. Most of his eighty-eight years were very enjoyable in his family and in the society of those about him. His later years were spent among his juniors, and only during those years did physical infirmities become burdensome, yet tenderest care in the family of his son did all that could be done to make that burden light. Only two of his six children survive him, Mr. Franklin L. Child and Mrs. S. W. Belden.

The funeral was held at the home of his niece, Mrs. E. S. Waring, on Monday afternoon, conducted by Prof. Parker.