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An Obituary Of William A. Craig

William A. Craig was born in County Antrim, Ireland, June 15, 1849. He died in Marshalltown, Iowa, March 15, 1928. His early life was spent in the place of his birth. He was married to Mary Getty of Bellamena, Ireland on August 16th, 1871, and about 1872 moved to Darlington County, Durham, England, where he resided for about seven years, and was engaged in mechanical work for the railroads. In 1879 he and his wife and family of two sons emigrated to the United States and in July 1879, settled on a farm in Hickory Grove Township, Jasper County, Iowa and continued to farm until 1906, when he and his wife moved to Newburg, Iowa, where he has since resided.

On May 8, 1926, Mrs. Craig died and since then he has continued to make his home in Newburg, spending quite a little of his time visiting with his son J. W. Craig in Marshalltown, where he was visiting when death called him.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Craig, two of whom died in infancy, and one daughter, Mrs. Agnes M. Paul who died several years ago. He is survived by two sons, John G. Craig of Winfield, Kansas, and J. W. Craig of Marshalltown, Iowa, as well as seven grand-children and one great-grandchild; also two half sisters who are now living in Ireland.

Mr. Craig was a man of unusual energy and always a leader of men. He was deeply grounded in the Christian faith and everyone with whom he associated had implicit confidence in his honesty, sincerity and integrity. Few men loved their fellow-men better than he; and it was a constant pleasure to him to render service to his neighbor and friends.

In his later years he devoted much of his time to service for the public, serving at different times in Township offices, as director in the Elevator Company and director in the bank. For many years he has been active in the politics of the county and few men in the northeastern part of Jasper County were as well known as he.

Mr. Craig had been a member of the Hickory Grove U. B. Church for nearly thirty-four years, and was a member of that church at the time of his death. He, with his wife, had previously been a member of the

Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Craig was a forceful man and always expressed his opinion frankly and positively. He always avoided hurting the feelings of others and was known widely as the true friend of everybody.

Everyone, both young and old, will miss Mr. Craig from the community where he has lived so long and usefully. In all of those activities where his counsel and good judgment have been relied upon, his absence will be sorely felt. Those who have enjoyed his moral and material support in the carrying on of all worthy community enterprises will remember him with reverence.

Mr. Craig was one of those of whom it may be said that now that he "fought a good fight" he "kept the faith" and now that he has finished his course, we cannot but mourn his going away, but we may also say: "It was good for us to have had Mr. Craig as our neighbor, co-worker and friend."

