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Francis Henry Donahue was born at Ferrisburg, Vermont, November 24, 1834, making him on the day of his passing eighty years, four months and five days. His boyhood days and early manhood were given the advantages of the Ferrisburg schools and Academy. Later he became foreman of Middlebury Marble Works, and at this time he was united in marriage with Katherine Cassin, of Vergennes, Vt. His beloved wife preceded him by two years to the better world. They left their Vermont home to try their fortunes in the west and were located for eight years at Corinne, Utah. From that time on their home has been in Iowa.

Mr. Donahue was unusually blessed with fine physique and health and even at his advanced age kept up with his daily reading and was bright and alert in mind.

He took great pleasure in making his home one of genuine hospitality, and everyone who came received a cordial welcome. His children have left the blessed memory of a good father and a home which radiated warmth and good cheer and loving kindness.

Mr. Donahue leaves to mourn his loss one brother in Middlebury, Vermont, one son, Frank C., and one daughter, Mrs. A. M. Sherman, of Des Moines.

Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Kyrble of Plymouth Congregational church, Des Moines. Appropriate and beautiful music and fine floral offerings added to the service. Interment was made at Glendale Abbey, Des Moines.

3-30 F. H. Donahue. 1915

Aged 80 years, 4 months and 5 days.
F. H. Donahue was summoned suddenly by death yesterday noon at his home on Main street. He had had some trouble in breathing during the night but yesterday morning felt well enough to come downstairs. About noon, as he lay on the sofa, there was a sudden attack and he passed away almost instantly. The funeral will be held from the home at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.