

# CIVIL WAR VETERAN ANSWERS LAST TAPS

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The sudden death of George Thomas Fry, Saturday morning, takes from life one of Grinnell's old soldiers, a man of apparently robust constitution, of kind heart and industrious habits.

Mr. Fry has lived in Grinnell since coming here to take charge of the Broad Street Hotel about 1885. He continued in charge of this place until the block in which it was located burned to the ground in the early '90s and during this time conducted a first class hotel where guests were welcomed in a hospitable manner and of him only good words were spoken. The writer has known him during all these years and learned to respect him for the many good traits which he possessed.

George Thomas Fry was born in Louisville, Kentucky on Oct. 23, 1845 and died at his home in Grinnell, Iowa, June 26, 1926. His Father and Mother died when he was but a lad twelve years of age. He then went to live with relatives in Indiana.

He lived here until the age of twenty-five when he was married to Harriet Fry. Three children were born to them, all of whom survive. They are M. G. Fry and C. R. Fry of Grinnell and Miss Etta Fry of Pasadena, Cal. Four grandchildren also survive him.

On Jan. 20, 1865. Mr. Fry enlisted in Co. D 143 Indiana Infantry and served in the Civil War until Oct. 17, 1865, when he was discharged by special order of the War Department. Mr. Fry was a member of the Christian church.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in charge of Rev. George Blagg. There was music by a mixed quartet; D. C. Phillips, Clara Phillips, Mary Dieterich and Ray George with Lucile Hays at the organ.

Mr. Blagg spoke from the words of the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith," and feelingly compared the words to the quiet and unostentatious life of the deceased man who had risked his life for the Union cause and had lived during all the years afterward an honorable and upright life.

Members of the G. A. R. and of the Relief Corps were present. Interment was in Hazelwood.