

# WORTHY L.

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Charles L. Gardner  
Evening at Home of  
Mrs. Chas. Staffo.

## ONE OF GRINNELL'S CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Was a Worthy Citizen and a Good  
Christian Man — Funeral Was  
This Afternoon

Grinnell was called upon to mourn a valued citizen and brave veteran of the Civil War when Charles L. Gardner passed away at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Stafford, on Prairie street. He suffered a paralytic stroke six weeks ago and it ultimately caused his death. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Snyder Undertaking parlors, conducted by Rev. W. C. Wasser. Members of the G. A. R. showed respect for their deceased comrade by attending in a body.

Mr. Gardner would have been 83 years old had he lived until next September. He was born in Freeport, Maine September 9, 1838. He moved to Grinnell in the cyclone year, 1882; from Jasper county and has lived here since with the exception of eleven years when he was with his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Kendall, of Coronado, Calif. He returned last May and has since been with his daughter, Mrs. Stafford. He was married March 30, 1862, to

Miss Addie W. Sturdivant, who preceded him in death, passing away February 4, 1909. During the war Mr. Gardner served bravely as a member of Company I, 37th Iowa Infantry. He enlisted September 20, 1862, only a few weeks after his marriage and leaving his young bride behind him served until honorably discharged May 24, 1865. After the war Mr. and Mrs. Gardner moved to Jasper county, where they made their home on a farm until they moved to Grinnell.

He was a faithful member of the Methodist church and for twenty-five consecutive years he was a member of the church choir. He was an active and respected member of Gordon Granger Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Gardner has been a good citizen of Grinnell. He was a man of high aims and was always interested in the things which were for the betterment of conditions and for the upbuilding of community life. His death has caused sorrow to a wide circle of friends.

He is survived by seven children, as follows: J. E. Gardner, of Glendora, Calif.; Mrs. J. D. Shearer, Devils Lake, N. D.; Mrs. Charles Stafford, Grinnell; Mrs. M. L. Thomas, Butte Creek, Montana; William Gardner, Grinnell; Mrs. F. C. Kendall, Coronado, Calif.; Mrs. C. E. Franklin, Coleraine, Minn.