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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1916.

A. R. Heald.

One of the '49-ers, who crossed the plains to California in search of gold, a pioneer of Poweshiek county and an old resident of Grinnell, reached the end of life's pilgrimage yesterday morning, when A. R. Heald died at his home on First avenue. Mr. Heald was taken ill this summer while he was visiting his four sons and a daughter who reside in Montana and Wyoming. He underwent a stroke of paralysis but improved later and was brought home by his son Walter. He continued to improve, but last week another stroke came upon him and he has failed steadily since that time.

The funeral services will be conducted by Professor Charles Noble from the residence at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Of his eight children three are here; Ernest, from Indiana, Herbert from Michigan and his daughter, Mrs. Alice Wheeler, who has made a home for him and given him a daughter's tender care during his declining years. The five children in the west, Harry, George, Walter and Edward and one daughter, Mary, will not be able to come.

Mr. Heald came to Chester in 1866 and was for many years a prominent and respected resident of that favored community. In 1882 the family moved to Grinnell in order that the large family of children might have the advantages of the educational facilities offered here. That they did so is attested by the fact that four of the children are graduated from college.

Mr. Heald was aged 87 years, 3 months, and 25 days.

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Amasa Reed Heald.

Amasa Reed Heald was born in Sumner, Me., June 14, 1829, and died at his home in Grinnell, Oct. 9, 1916. He spent his early life on a New England farm, where he attended the common school and for a short time a neighboring academy.

In 1852 he went to California by way of the isthmus and 12 years were spent in mining there. On July 18, 1861, while on a visit to Maine, he was united in marriage to Julia Prentiss Howe. To them were born twelve children, eight of whom are living, one daughter and three sons having preceded him in death.

In 1864 he returned to Maine, but in a short time started for the west again, this time settling in Iowa, where he has since lived, 16 years in Chester, and since 1882 in Grinnell. For a number of years he was in the flour and feed business in Grinnell.

Of his eight brothers and two sisters only two survive him, John Heald of West Sumner, Me., and Charles Byron Heald of San Dimas, Cal.

The funeral services were held at the house, Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Professor Charles Noble. The pallbearers were A. C. Williams of Campbell, Cal., a cousin of the de-

ceased, Henry Sherman of Chester, Dr. E. C. Bliss, J. P. Lyman, Charles Booknau and L. W. Taylor. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of C. B. Van Ausdall, Miss Helen Thomson, Miss Stella Bartlett and Willis H. Wheelock.

The children who were present at the funeral were, Ernest Heald of Anderson, Ind., Herbert C. Heald of South Haven, Mich., and Mrs. Alice H. Wheeler and daughter Julia of this city. Harry H. Heald and Mary C. Heald of Belfry, Mont., and George M. Heald, Walter Heald and Edward P. Heald of Cody, Wyo., were unable to be present.

Mr. Heald was stricken with the paralysis which caused his death while visiting his children in Montana and Wyoming this past summer.

He united with the Chester Congregational church in the early seventies, during the pastorate of Rev. George H. White, whom he greatly loved and admired, and was loyal to that church even after transferring his membership to the Grinnell Congregational church.

From Mrs. Porter's Genealogical Col. in Grinnell Herald, 1932:

Amasa Reed Heald, b. Sumner Me., June 14, 1829, son of Hon. Benj. Heald, Jr. Married July 18, 1861, Julia P. Howe, dau of Henry Howe, and their bridal tour began the same day by boat to California via Panama. They lived there two or three years, where Mr. Heald had been for 10 years in a mining camp in the Sierra Nevada mountains, then

went back to Me., and in 1866 Mr. Heald came to Ia. The next year Mrs. Heald followed with the children and they settled on the farm which is now known as the Henry Booknau farm. They lived there 16 years and in 1882 came to Grinnell to the house where the daughter, Mrs. Alice Wheeler and her daughter Julia, are still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Heald were born the following children: Alice (Mrs. Wheeler); Lucinda who died Nov. 4, 1883; Henry and Mary, now living in San Dimas, Calif; Charles d Dec. 7, 1874; Ernest living in Springfield, Ohio; Benj. d Jan. 22, 1898; Gero, Cody, Wyo; Herbert, S. Havina, Mich; Walter, Belfry, Mont; Arthur d Sept. 13, 1884; and Edward, who lives in Cody, Wyo. Mrs. Heald was born in Paris Hill, Me, July 27, 1843, and d in Grinnell, Jan. 21, 1909. Mrs. Heald d. Oct. 9, 1916."

From: Ob and Family Records