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## AN EARLY CITIZEN GONE.

Henry Hill was born in Walsingham, Eng., in 1831. In 1850 he came to this country, locating in Michigan. In 1854, the year Grinnell was founded, he came to this place, and during the sixty next years has been continuously a resident except for a short time spent at Lewis, Iowa. In 1855 he was united in marriage with Susan Harris whose death occurred in 1893. To this union there are five living children, Harry, Bert, Will, Charlie, and Mrs. Clara Hill Macomber now of Los Angeles. His death occurred in Grinnell at the home of his son, Will, Tuesday, July 14, 1914.

During his residence in Grinnell he has been actively identified with its business interests, and has always been regarded as one of the town's progressive citizens. For years he served as city marshal, and the faithfulness with which he performed the duties of the office is attested by the continuous re-appointments to that position. He also served the public in numerous other positions, always faithful, cheerful, and accommodating. For a few years he has been in broken health, and has been seen less seldom by his friends, but all attest his constant cheerfulness to the last.

He died in his 82nd year, and was one of the very few now remaining who were with Grinnell from the first year. If a complete biography of Mr. Hill were written it would be a history of the development of Grinnell. In his youth, strong physically, straight as an arrow, and selfreliant, he was a notable figure always in Grinnell gatherings. His steady cheerfulness, hopefulness, and accommodating disposition made him a good companion, and yet he was entirely free from the habits which so often are synonymous with comradeship. He was a lover of Grinnell and Grinnell things and was interested in its progress, its cleanness and its beauty. Even in adversity, and fortune had not always been kind to him, no one ever heard him speak a harsh word of his friends or neighbors. He died as he had lived, at peace with all mankind, a lover of his fellows whose abiding hopefulness and cheer will always be present with all who know him.

The funeral was held Thursday at 2:30 o'clock at the home of his son, Will, conducted by Rev. Charles Noble. Burial was in Hazelwood, by the side of his wife who preceded him 21 years ago.

HENRY HILL