

John (K)

—Harriet E. Ricker was born in Salem, Ill., July 18, 1825, and moved to Rockingham, Iowa, with her parents in 1836, where she was married on Nov. 30, 1843, to John K. James. In 1867 she moved to Grinnell for the purpose of educating the children, and here she celebrated her golden wedding in 1893. She was converted when a little girl and united with the M. E. church, of which she was ever an earnest, active member until her removal to Grinnell, where she joined the Congregational church, which was the early church of her husband in his boyhood's New England home. The little church in Buffalo township is still standing where she so many years attended, taking the children always promptly on time, and always so helpful with the singing and in her cordial support of all good works. There were eight children born of her marriage: The oldest, a daughter, died in infancy; Rufus Ricker died in 1877 while a senior in college; John F. died in 1895; and her husband died in 1899. There survive her one sister, Mrs. Susan Glaspell; three sons, Edwin and Samuel, of Davenport, and Henry, of San Francisco; two daughters, Harriet, of Chicago, and Julia at the home in Grinnell; and eleven grandchildren. Mrs. James had been seriously sick for about a month, and passed away Tuesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the house, by the Rev. E. M. Vittum, and the remains interred in Hazelwood Cemetery beside the remains of her husband. The members of her family present from out of town were her sons, Samuel James and wife and daughter, and Edwin James, of Davenport; her daughter, Miss Harriet James, of Chicago; and her sister, Mrs. Susan Glaspell, of Davenport,—the only surviving member of the family of her parents. Friends of the family present were Mrs. C. R. Clark and son, C. W. Clark, of Montezuma, and Mrs. J. H. Tucker, of Brooklyn, and daughter, Mrs. Dr. Anger, of Victor. *July 10, 1900*

LOCAL DEATHS
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IN MEMORIAM.

"John K. James is dead:" was the announcement last Wednesday morning that caused pain to all of us. "He was a good man," was the response everywhere.

Mr. James was born on a Vermont farm near Middlebury almost eighty-two years ago. At nineteen he removed to Alton, Ill., and in 1838, when Iowa was first organized into a territory and only five years after the eastern border was opened for white settlers, he settled in Scott Co. There he married Miss Harriet E. Ricker and there his eight children were born. His oldest son, Edwin, came here to college in 1865 and two years after Mr. James left the large farm he had entered to make Grinnell his home.

His long life has been beautifully sincere and a model of helpful citizenship. He believed, and believed earnestly, in his political, temperance and christian principles and in being useful in his sphere. His life has been an honor to his ideas and to his relationships. It has abounded in the quiet happiness of a christian home, in the reverence of his children and in the esteem of all his acquaintances.

Blessings rest on his memory. It is well for all that such a life as that of John K. James is long.

Present to attend the funeral are, Edwin James, Samuel James and Mrs. J. F. James of Davenport; and Miss Harriet James of Chicago. Henry James, the youngest son, now of San Francisco, will be unable to be present. The funeral occurs to morrow at ten o'clock a. m. at his late residence.

Mr. James' sickness was of but a week's duration, pneumonia being the cause of his death.