

Pioneer At Journey's End

7-10-1928
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(By a Staff Correspondent).

Lynnville, Ia., July 9, Special:—

Albert Johnson was born at Dublin, Indiana, August 19, 1840 and passed away at his home in Lynnville, Iowa, July 4, 1928, at the age of 88 years.

He came to Iowa with his parents in 1851, when his father, Jervis Johnson, entered the family homestead. Growing up to manhood in an atmosphere of simplicity and frugality, where a fine spirit of hospitality and helpfulness prevailed, his whole life reflected these early influences. He loved the old ways. The heritage from the past, made sacred by sacrifice and struggle was a precious legacy from honest predecessors.

As a citizen he has taken a decided stand in behalf of every righteous cause. Whether the need be local or general his active interest could always be depended upon

Brought up, as he was, under pioneer conditions, where educational advantages were very limited, he felt keenly the need of better opportunities for young people. Consequently the cause of education has found in him a loyal supporter. Penn college has been one of the prominent concerns of his life. He felt deeply his obligation to help further her interests to the best of his ability, and served faithfully as a member of the board of managers for many years.

A birthright member of the society of Friends, he has always been faithful to the interests of the church.

He was a most unselfish and devoted son, maintaining an ideal home for his aging parents, contributing in all things to the welfare and happiness of their closing years in the long journey of life.

He leaves a devoted wife, Anna W. Johnson, who for twenty-five years has been a loving, constant companion, not only during health and prosperity but through the long years of invalidism and adversity. He leaves also his youngest brother, Henry Johnson of Grinnell, Iowa. Two other brothers, Joseph and Charles preceded him in death, Joseph passing away in early manhood and Charles in 1913. A strong bond of rare fellowship existed among these brothers throughout the active years of life.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the church. Supt. Charles O. Whitely of Oskaloosa assisted by the local pastor Rev. L. W. Reynolds conducted the services. Appropriate music was furnished by Mrs. C. O. Macy, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gifford and Rev. Mr. Reynolds.

The following nephews of the deceased were pallbearers—Leland Johnson, Max Johnson, Carroll, Paul, Howard and Ray Johnson. Burial was in the Friends Cemetery east of town.