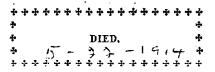
5-29 Ruins J. Lagrange, 914

Rufus J. Lagrange was born at New Scotland, N. Y., Nov. 28th, 1842, and iied at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chas, Gieskieng at Marengo, Iowa. May 20th, 1914, being at the age of 71 years. He answered the call of his country and enlisted in Company E. 20th Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was honorably discharged January 2rd. 1863. Later, he re-enlisted in the army and served in the navy, being honorably discharged January 3, 1865. In the year 1870 he was married to Mary E. Walker, of Blairstown, Iowa. To this union were born three children. but one surviving. Also seven grandchildren and four sisters and three brothers are left to mourn their leparted. His wife died in 1870 in Kansus and since that time he has made his home in Grunnell, lowa, engaged in the harness business. He was a man highly respected by all who knew him.

The funeral services were held at the home of his daughter. Friday. May 22nd, Rev. Preston, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. The G. A. R. Post of Marengo, held services at the grave. Burial in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Norman Lagrange, of Pleasant Valley, John F. Lagrange and Mrs. Jesse Burkey of Marengo, brothers and sister of the deceased, and a nephew, Jud Lagrange, of Grinnell, were in attendance at the funeral.



Ruius LaGrange.

Ruins LaGrange, better known as Dick LaGrange, died tast Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter. Mrs. Charles Giesking, 512 miles southeast of Marengo. For a time he had been failing under the onsiaughts of Bright's disease and finally the time came when he lay sick and helpless in his little harness shop on Main street. On Tuesday his daughter came and took him with her in order that he might receive better care, but death came the following morning.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock this morning and interment was made in the cemetery at Marengo. Mr. LaGrange was over 70 years of age.

"Dick" LaGrange has been one of Trinnell's characters for many years. He was on old soldder and cherished a badge conferred upon him for some act of special galanter, but what that act was, no one among the old soldders or his associates could be found yesterlay who knew. It was known that he missted in Davenport when a more out and you could venture which lost heavily in the first by months of the war. Later he saw service on a gunboar. It is reported that he also served as a scout and there is the story of his swimming the lississippi river corrying his distances in his month. The read truth is not known. He was not the man to tell of these things.

After the war, Mr. LaGrange came to fewa county and was married there to Miss May Valker, a sister of Mrs. John Barr 17 this city. When the rush came to Kansus he went with it taking less wife and three children. There were hard times in Kansas. The grasshoopers destroyed the crops and to cap the cilman the wife and mother bassed away. She is buried in Kansas.

Mr. LaGrange came back to lowal with his motherless shildren, who were cared for by their grandmother in Marengo, while Mr. LaGrange came to Grinnell. That was back before the cyclone, and he has lived here everywince. He worked at first in P. D. Inman's harness shop. After Mr. Inman died he opened the little shop of his life were spent. He became practically a recluse in these latter lags. For a time he belonged to Gordon Granger Post, G. A. R., but finally withdrew from this and few saw him anywhere outside his shop.

Of his children, Mrs. Glesking is the only survivor. The others are Duried in Marengo. He has two disters. Mrs. Lauise Clow, of Des Moines, and Mrs. Maggie Patterson, of Silver City, Mexico, and three brothers. Nelson, of Rock island, Ill. Norman, of Pleasant Vailey, and John, of Marengo. Fud Laufrange of this city is a nephew. He and Mr. and Mrs. John Barr went to Marengo this morning to attend the funeral.