

## Jasper N. Marsh, Old Soldier Of Montezuma, Dies

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Jasper N. Marsh, civil war veteran and for sixty years a resident of this community, was buried here Tuesday afternoon from the Christian church with full military honors. Mr. Marsh went to bed as usual Saturday night and failed to awaken. On Saturday afternoon he fell from a tree, which might have had something to do with his death, although he did not complain. He was born in Lee county, in a log cabin, March 10th, 1844.

When but a lad of seventeen, he enlisted with the Union army and saw much active service. He was with Co. F of the 16th Volunteers, and was in the battles of Shiloh, Iuka, Kennesaw Mountain and Atlanta. He fought well and bravely.

For over ten months he was in Andersonville prison and would have perished were it not for the spring which gushed from the ground to relieve the thirst of the Union men.

The Rev. W. F. Vanderlip, pastor of the Presbyterian church conducted the services at two o'clock in the Christian church of which Mr. Marsh had been a life-long member. Music was furnished by Mrs. W. E. Burdine, Mrs. W. E. Fletcher, Walter Follard and L. C. Miltenberger.

At the close of the services at the church, Mrs. A. E. Follard laid the beautiful American flag on the coffin in behalf of the Circle. It was a touching ceremony.

The services at the grave were conducted by the I. O. O. F. lodge with the Rev. Mr. Vanderlip pronouncing the benediction. The Civil war veterans and the Wisner Post, George Wiltse, Jacob Bogard and J. L. Rodgers laid their wreaths upon the grave at the close of the impressive ritualistic ceremony. John L. Bradfield, civil war veteran, was also among the comrades.

The Donald E. Blakely post of the American Legion furnished the firing squad and colors, also acting as guard of honor for the departed soldier and his remaining comrades.

Mrs. Ruth Fletcher sounded "Taps" and the last notes of the soldier tribute went ringing out over the "green covered tents" of the sleeping city, the Legion standing at parade rest during the sounding of "Taps."

Pall bearers were Clifford Smith, J. J. Farmer, Dan Gorsuch, Sam Zorn, Sid Wheeler and Homer Kimbley.

### JASPER N. MARSH.

One of Poweshiek county's retired agriculturists who spent three and one-half years of his early manhood on the battlefields of the south in defense of his country, is Jasper N. Marsh. He was born in Lee county, Iowa, on the 10th of March, 1844, his parents being Isaac L. and Martha A. (Williams) Marsh, both natives of Darke county, Ohio, where they were reared and married. In 1829 they migrated to Lee county, Iowa, where the father entered government land, which he improved and cultivated, continuing its cultivation for many years. The mother has now passed away, but the father still survives at a venerable age and continues to reside in Lee county. In their family were eleven children, as follows: Rebecca J., who is the widow of Amos Sniff, of Lee county, Iowa; Jasper N., our subject; Emeline, who is deceased; Martha, the wife of William Liddle, of Argyle, Iowa; Wesley, who is residing in Lee county, Iowa; Ransom, who lives in Kansas; Louisa, deceased; Edward, Monroe and Joseph, all of whom are residing in Lee county; and Belle, deceased. The father always casts an independent ballot in politics, and both he and his wife affiliated with the Disciples church, holding membership in the first church of that denomination organized in Iowa.

Jasper N. Marsh, having been reared on a farm, early became familiar with the work of the fields, as while yet pursuing his education in the district schools he was assigned the lighter duties about the home. His responsibilities increased with the passing years, as his strength as well as judgment developed, so that when old enough to begin for himself he decided to follow agricultural pursuits as a life vocation. In February, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company F,

Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front in defense of his country. He saw much active service and participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing and Kennesaw Mountain, both battles of Corinth and the siege of Vicksburg and Atlanta. He was captured in the latter and consigned to Andersonville prison on the 22d of July, 1864, and there he was held until the 28th of April, 1865. After receiving his discharge he returned home, where he remained until the following year. In 1866 he came to Poweshiek county and purchased a farm in Union township, which he cultivated until 1900, when he withdrew from agricultural pursuits and removed to Montezuma, where he is now living retired.

The 7th of January, 1869, Mr. Marsh married Miss Nancy S. Saunders, a daughter of Aaron A. and Harriet E. (Dudley) Saunders, of Union township. Her parents were natives of Ohio, having been born and reared in the vicinity of Jamestown. They removed to Poweshiek county in 1851, where the father was for many years engaged in farming. Both parents are now deceased. Of their union was born nine children, in the following order: Samantha, the wife of Pleasant Hayes, who is a resident of Montezuma; Irwin S., who is living at Searsboro, Iowa; Nancy, now Mrs. Marsh, who was born in the vicinity of Forest Home, Union township, on the 22d of August, 1851; James M., also a resident of Searsboro; and Robert A. and Isaac H., both living in Union township; Richard A., a resident of Lorimor, Iowa; Harry S., of Searsboro; and Ernest F., who is living in Union township. The parents both affiliated with the Christian church, and Mr. Saunders was a republican in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are the parents of three children: Martha, the widow of Christopher Remp, of Montezuma; Ethel Elizabeth, the wife of Burton Saunders, of Union township; and Lewis A., also a resident of Union township, who married Anna Allen and lives on his father's farm.

Fraternally Mr. Marsh is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while he maintains relations with his army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His political rights have always been exercised in support of the candidates of the republican party, although he has never been an aspirant to official honors, and the religious affiliation of himself and wife is with the Christian church. Mr. Marsh is one of the old residents of the county, in the development and advancement of which he has contributed his quota as a good business man, successful agriculturist and desirable citizen.