

LIFE PASSES AS CAROLS RING OUT

12-28-1923

**H. H. Morris Died Christmas Eve as
Songs of Peace and Good Will
Filled the Air.**

**WAS ONE OF GRINNELL'S
HONORED CIVIL WAR VETERANS**

**Settled in This Neighborhood Soon
After the War—Funeral Services
This Morning.**

Howard H. Morris, oldest son of Hart N. and Susan Mills Morris, was born at Ames, New York, May 25, 1842 and died at his home in Grinnell, December 24, 1923, at the age of eighty one.

At the age of eight he came west with the family to Illinois, where he lived on a farm and attended the district school. At the age of nineteen, in '61, he enlisted in the 33rd Illinois Volunteers and remained in the service for four years and four months. Most of the time his regiment was on duty west of the Mississippi. After engaging in several skirmishes and battles, his organization was put under the command of General Grant at the time of his march down the river. During the Assault on Vicksburg on May 22, 1863, he was wounded but after recovery, he continued in the service.

He was discharged in December, 1865 and returned to his Illinois home where he farmed for two years. He then came to Iowa, and with his savings from his army service at \$15.00 per month, and his subsequent farming operations, he was able to buy a farm near where Newburg now stands for six dollars and a half an acre. On that farm he lived until October 1908 when he came to Grinnell.

On May 22nd, 1870, he was married to Miss Mary Haskell of Tiskilwa, Illinois, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. R. Morgan of Chester. To them were born two daughters, Bertha

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and Ida, who at considerable sacrifice were given the school advantages of Grinnell.

At the age of sixteen, Howard Morris united with the church at Arispe, Illinois, and in 1863 brought his letter to the Grinnell Congregational church. In 1880, he helped organize the Congregational church at Newburg where he served as a deacon until he removed to Grinnell, where he was a faithful member of the Congregational Church at the time of his death. All who have ever known him will gladly testify to his sterling, kindly, loyal Christian life.

During his residence at Newburg, Mr. Morris was active in all good enterprises. He was an enterprising member of the Grange and he was one of a group that fearlessly fought the saloons and finally drove them out of the community.

Since coming to Grinnell, Mr. Morris has been one of the most useful members of the Gordon Granger Post of the G. A. R. He has held the various offices with credit and has been particularly helpful in the detailed work incidental to Memorial Day.

With characteristic modesty, Mr. and Mrs. Morris made no mention to their friends of the passing of their Golden Wedding anniversary, but on the fifty-third anniversary, these same friends crowded their home and showered them with the honor and affection they so truly deserved.

For several months past, Mr. Morris has been troubled with cataract of the eyes and recently had become almost totally blind. He was suffering from a general failure in health and an acute attack of the influenza hastened his death. The end came on Christmas Eve just at the time the carol singers were singing past his door.

He is survived by four brothers, George H. of Grinnell, Henry O. of Alhambra, California, Norman F. of Tiskilwa, Illinois and Willis M. of Lacassin, La., by his wife, by his two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Palmer of Pasadena, California, and Miss Ida of Washington, D. C. and by one grand-child, Lois Palmer.

Mr. Morris was one of the hardy, industrious and Christian men who have helped, to make so many thrifty and intellectual Western communities. His service to his country and his service to his community have been notable ones. He gave freely and asked nothing in return. His death marks the passing of another of our pioneers who, with his estimable wife, helped make the community in which they lived one of the highest in influence, in culture and in civic honesty.

The funeral services were held from the home on West Street at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Rev. E. W. Cross conducted the services and Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer and Miss Stella Bartlett sang two songs, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" and "Abide With Me." The pallbearers were: Pearl Garner, H. T. Keener, E. M. Kearney, H. C. Morse, P. Hutchinson, and H. A. Rogers.

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Pass Resolutions For Howard H. Morris

Gordon Granger Post, G. A. R., Tak
Formal Action for Departed
Member, 12-24-23

In the death of our esteemed comrade Howard H. Morris which occurred on December 26th, A. D. 1923, his home here in Grinnell, the Post again called to mourn the departure of a faithful, and earnest member who was always ready and anxious to discharge any duty, or obligation assigned to him by the Post.

He served in the army during the Civil war as a member of Co. E, 32d Ill. Infantry, enlisting August 19th 1861, and was discharged on December 21, 1863.

He endured all the hardships and dangers of the long marches and strenuous activities, even to the siege of Vicksburg with the same patience and fortitude that he exhibited in civilian life after his discharge here at home.

Therefore, be it resolved by the members of Gordon Granger Post No. 64 in regular session that we wish extend to his bereaved family, as friends the fullest measure of our condolence, and sympathy, remembering that all things work together for good.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be supplied to the family of the deceased, also be furnished the Grinnell Herald for publication, and spread upon the records of the Post, and that the Charter be draped in mourning for a period thirty days.

H. I. Davis, Commander
Fred. Rollins and Burton, Com.