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William Moss was born in Surry county, North Carolina, September, 9, 1821. In his fifteenth year his father moved his family to Henry county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood. Several years were spent in southern Illinois, and in the fall of 1849 he came to Scott county, Iowa, where he made his home, except for two years in Muscatine county, until 1877, when he brought his family to Poweshiek county. The last fourteen years of this being passed in Grinnell.

He was married in 1851 to Miss Mary E. Humphrey. To them nine children were born. Two sons died in early childhood, and one, John A. in 1885, at the age of 23 years. Six children survive him, Mrs. Elmira Robb, of Newton, Iowa, Miss Prociue Moss, Mrs. Jeannie Stoaks, Mrs. Clara Kendall, and Edgar M. Moss, all of Grinnell, were present. The younger son, Geo. M. Moss, of Osborne, Manitoba, was unable to be here.

His wife died in 1868, in Scott county, and his remains were buried at her side.

Though the deceased had been in poor health for some time his last severe illness was brief. He passed away April 26, 1905, and so was 82 years, 5 months and 17 days old. He was one of the old settlers of Iowa and of his life spent nearly fifteen years in this city. He has always had the thorough respect of his neighbors and friends.