

OBITUARY

John Wesley Olds

John Wesley Olds was born in Stockbridge, Mass., June 7, 1831. At the age of 17, with his parents and three brothers came to Iowa, settling at Union and Stagsboro. He was engaged in the lumber business and the training was from Stockbridge, Davenport by steamboat. His first marriage was to Sarah Jane Olds, who died a few years later.

In 1859 he was married in Scott county to Ellen J. Lagrange. They lived the greater part of their married life on a farm near Davenport, which they left in the fall of 1880 to live in Emmet. Mr. Olds was one of the old members of Scott county.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church in Davenport and was for a number of years superintendent of the Belmont Sunday school near his home.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. A. R. Nichols of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. George H. Brown and Genevieve of this city; two granddaughters, Maurine Nichols and Dorothy Brown, and one brother, Albert, of Muscatine.

One daughter, Mrs. Lee Richardson, died in Canton, S. D., in 1912 and another, Mrs. S. A. Murry, died in Davenport in 1895.

His wife, Mrs. Ellen J. Olds, preceeded him only by a few weeks, on April 11, last, and his death on June 5 was due partly to the shock caused by her death. He had been in failing health for the past few years and since then has declined rapidly.

He was an honest and upright man and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

The funeral services were conducted from the home at 511 Broad street, on June 6 at 2:30, by Rev. E. M. Vittum.