

**Old Resident Of  
Poweshiek Is Dead**

George L. Ostrom, 83 years of age, died at Hartwick, Iowa, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, when he was 83 years of age. He was born in New York in 1833.

In April, 1854, he arrived in Galesburg, Ill., with but \$10 in his pocket but a strong determination to make a success in life.

He was married on March 2, 1858, and after numerous years of married life Miss Ostrom passed away a little over twenty years ago.

In 1865 Mr. Ostrom came to Poweshiek county and took a government concession, buying the land for 36 per cent where the town of Hartwick is now located.

He was also interested in the Farmers Saving Bank at Hartwick and for a number of years was a director. He joined the Masons in 1887 and has been a member of Sharon Lodge No. 1025 since its organization.

Mr. Ostrom leaves five children, Mrs. Mary Ostrom and Murray in name, Mrs. Jennie Dixon, Fred G. and Arthur Ostrom all located in or near Hartwick. He leaves twenty-two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon and burial in the Hartwick cemetery.

*Handwritten notes:*  
D. A. Johnson  
-present in Minneapolis  
Andrew Hamann (Holmes)  
Ostrom



GEORGE L. OSTROM AND FAMILY

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GEORGE L. OSTROM

Forty-six years have passed since George L. Ostrom located on a farm where Hartwick now stands. He has witnessed a great transformation in Poweshiek county and, as he applied himself with energy and good judgment during his active years, he now enjoys the rewards of his labors, being the owner of two hundred acres of land in this county from which he receives a handsome annual revenue.

He was born in New York state, April 12, 1833, a son of John A. and Carretta (La Moore) Ostrom, the former of whom was a native of New York state. On the paternal side the ancestry has been traced to the early settlers of New Amsterdam, now New York city, who came from Holland, and on the maternal side the ancestry has been traced to France. The father was by trade a blacksmith. He passed his entire life in his native state and died at the age of eighty-three years, his wife having been called away in 1847. In politics he was a supporter of the whig party. He was a man of many worthy traits and was a consistent member of the Baptist church.

George L. Ostrom received advantages of education in the common school and under his father learned the blacksmith's trade. He worked on the farm and in the shop until he was old enough to support and then, yielding to an irresistible desire to see the world and to establish a home on his own account, he started toward the great and growing west. In April, 1854, he arrived at Galesburg, Illinois, his total earthly possessions then amounting to ten dollars and sixty-two cents. He soon found work at fifteen dollars a month and con-

tinued steadily for two years and one-half, after which he found occupation in various employments until 1858, when he purchased forty acres of land in Knox county, Illinois. A little log cabin stood on the place and here he and his family made their home for eight years. In 1865 he sold out and in the fall of the same year came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, settling on one hundred and sixty acres of government land where the city of Hartwick is now located. This land he purchased for six dollars an acre, which was considered a good price at the time. He was soon established as a farmer in his new home and prospered from year to year, becoming eventually the owner of a thousand acres. He sold a part of his land and gave portions to his children, but still retains a fine farm, which is under an excellent state of cultivation. He is still a director of the Farmers' Savings Bank of Hartwick, being also a member of the auditing committee of the bank.

On March 21, 1858, Mr. Ostrom was married to Miss Margaret M. Ostrom, a daughter of Andrew and Hannah (Holmes) Ostrom. The father was a farmer but also engaged as a plasterer and shoemaker. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ostrom: Charles, now deceased, who is married and had two sons, Guy and Clyde; Murray; Grant, a farmer, who is married and has five children, Ray, Glenn, Earl, Percy and Loyd; Fred G., who is married and has ten children, Hazel, Marjory, Charles, George, Edna, Dorothy, Nellie, Mildred, Margaret and Fred, Jr.; Arthur; Mary, who is living at home; and Jennie, who married William Dixon, a farmer who is living at home, and is the mother of three children, Guy, George and Hazel.

Politically Mr. Ostrom is a republican, belonging to the standpat wing, which accepts the platform and opinions of the party and heartily supports them without reservation. He has served as township assessor and also as member of the school board, school treasurer and township assessor, filling the last-named office for twelve years. He was made a Mason in 1867 and is an honored member of Sharon Lodge, No. 957. Having arrived at the age of seventy-eight years, he is now largely retired from active affairs and can look back on many years of earnest work, in the course of which he earned the gratitude of his fellow-men by innumerable acts of kindness and generosity.