

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1915.

OBITUARY.

C. W. Pearce.

C. W. Pearce was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, March 22, 1829, and was the son of Peter S. and Margaret Prosser Pearce. In 1843 they moved to Illinois, where they lived till 1848, then moved to Potosi, Missouri, Iowa, C. W. Pearce being then only nine years of age. His father was one of fifteen who voted at the home of D. D. Prosser in organizing Washington township. At one time in 1830 the early settlers were in danger from the Indians and fortified themselves in the log cabin on the Pearce homestead.

Mr. Pearce was married in 1864 to Mildred G. Brown, who was born in England. Five children born to this union are still alive: George C., Frank L., Seth J., Mrs. Nellie M. Rutherford, and Mrs. Mary C. Nichol. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. Rutherford. A sister, Mrs. Catherine Campbell, with her daughter, Mrs. Willyet of Audubon, was also present.

In 1891 Mr. and Mrs. Pearce moved to Grinnell, where she died in 1897. He continued to keep his home on Main street where he died, often alone yet always cheerful and congenial and very much enjoying visits from his people whenever they could all.

In his last illness he manifested a

very patient spirit and his last days were made cheerful by the beautiful gifts of flowers which he very much appreciated.

His life here closed on the early

morning of August 16, 1915, being at the time of his death 76 years, 4 months, and 22 days of age; leaving behind to his children the cherished memory of a kind and loving father and thoughtful, especially, that he always discouraged ill speaking of any one, which showed his interest and sympathy in all about him.

The funeral was held Thursday at two o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nichol, on south Broad street, and at 2:30 o'clock at the Westfield church, Rev. Robert Lincoln officiating. The pall bearers were his three sons, his son-in-law, John Nichol, and his two nephews, Walter E. Brown and C. P. Brownell. His body was buried by the side of his wife in Westfield cemetery.

Mr. Pearce gave the land on which the Westfield church was built. During the active years of his life he was clerk of the township and secretary of the school board in the district in which he lived.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our heartiest thanks to our neighbors and friends for their aid and sympathy in this time of our extreme sorrow and bereavement.

George G. Pearce,
Frank H. Pearce,
Seth J. Pearce,
Mrs. Nellie Rutherford,
Mrs. J. C. Nichol.