

Old Soldier Is Called

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William H. Peters was born March 4, 1844, in Hamburg, Germany, and departed this life March 23, 1928, aged 84 years and 19 days. In 1861, when still a boy, he left his native country for America, settling first in Frankfort, Ill., where he was invested with the rights and privileges of an American Citizen.

His loyalty to his adopted country was proven in the following year when he enlisted in Company F, 84th Illinois Infantry and served the Northern Cause faithfully and well throughout the four long, dark years of the Civil War. His varied experiences in this great war did more than anything else to give him that pride and love for his new country which he has always manifested. Those war time stories which were told around his fireside and to which his relatives and neighbors so often gathered to listen will live as long as memory for him shall last. And just as he was a faithful soldier during the war, so he became an ardent member of the Grand Army of the Republic after the war. His membership has always been with the Post in Grinnell.

At the close of the war, Mr. Peters came to Grinnell, Iowa, and for many years thereafter was a farmer in this vicinity. February 23, 1866, he was joined in marriage to Miss Jane Eberhart and to them were born thirteen children, five of whom died in infancy; those who survive are William E. Peters, Turner, Iowa; Mrs. A. D. Douglass, Malcom, Iowa; Frank T. Peters and George C. Peters of Brooklyn, Iowa; Mrs. B. B. Keyes of Burkana, Ohio; Fred H. Peters of Princeton, Oregon; Charles E. Peters of Grinnell, Iowa, and Mrs. Max Haas of Frankfort, Ill. There also survive sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The wife and mother died in 1902 and in 1905 Mr. Peters was again joined in marriage to Mrs. Sophia Faulkers who departed this life in 1912.

For the last twenty-five years of his life, Mr. Peters has lived in Frankfort, Ill., the greater part of which time, he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Max Haas. His life has always been active and industrious and prosperity has been the reward of his efforts. Happy and jovial of disposition, he made a place among his relatives and friends that no one can fill.

Funeral services were held in Frankfort, Ill., at the home of Mrs. Max Haas, conducted by Rev. Mr. Gerhold. The body was then brought to Grinnell and further services were held at the home of Mr. Peters' niece, Mrs. Mary Furber, and conducted by Rev. George Blagg of the Methodist church. Six grandsons bore the remains of their aged grandfather to its last earthly resting place, there to await the final resurrection.