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CAPT. W. H. REDMAN.

William Henry Redman was born in Geneseo Grove, Whiteside county, Ill., March 5, 1840. He was therefore nearly 61 years of age when he died. He lived and worked on a farm during the early years of his life, and in 1858, at the age of 19, entered Mt. Carroll, (Ill.) seminary, where he pursued his studies until the opening of the war, two years later.

He enlisted as a private in Co. "C," Twelfth Illinois cavalry, and advanced from that to corporal, from corporal to sergeant, and from sergeant on up to the position of captain. He was in the battles of Harper's Ferry, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and other prominent engagements of the war. September 14, 1862, at Harper's Ferry, when the union troops were surrounded by Stone wall Jackson's men, he was with his regiment when they cut through the confederate lines and made their escape, avoiding the capture and surrender of the union troops the following morning.

In January of the following year he was captured at Dumfries, Va., but made his escape after eighteen hours of confinement. He was later with the Banks expedition, and did provost duty in Texas, being for a time in command of a post at Lexington, Texas.

On leaving the service he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, locating on a farm in Lincoln township. After breaking sod for two years and getting the farm well started, he entered the law department of the state university, from which he graduated in December, 1869. The following year he located in Montezuma and began the practice of law and was engaged in the practice of his profession up to the time of his death.

He was associated for a number of years with Capt. [redacted] of Montezuma.

Mr. Redman served in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second general assemblies, being speaker of the house in the

His excellent work in the Twenty-first general assembly and strong personality secured for him the speakership two years later, winning out in a fight in which there were two or three other strong candidates.

The Twenty-first and the Twenty-second general assemblies were characterized by the strong "anti-railroad" legislation enacted, and in this Mr. Redman took a prominent part.

He was for one year assistant attorney general of Iowa, and last summer asked at the hands of the republican state convention the nomination for secretary of state. In a field of five candidates Mr. Redman stood third upon the first ballot, but his friends were unable to start the break in his favor and, instead W. B. Martin, of Adair county, was nominated.

Mr. Redman accepted his defeat philosophically and returned to his law practice in Newton.

He leaves three daughters to survive him. Mrs. Redman was formerly Miss Sue P. Ferguson, of Jefferson, Harrison county. They were married in March, 1870. She died two years ago.

Mr. Redman was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F.

"In every walk of life he was the embodiment of honor and integrity. In this county he was known as "Honest Hank". Either in private or in public life he was always true to all that was good and noble and exemplified to those among whom he mingled the best there was in sturdy manhood and reliable citizenship.

"He had the courage of his convictions. He was fearless in the defense of what he believed to be right and had the ability to present his case in a logical and straightforward manner."

Mr. Redman's remains were accompanied from Newton, Saturday, by Fred Winn and J. G. Brummer, representing the Odd Fellows, and by his brother, Fred Redman, of Tama, and his brother-in-law, C. A. C. Harris of Montezuma, and met by a delegation of Odd Fellows from Montezuma, consisting of J. H. Porter, George Wiltze, R. A. Mortland, J. C. Hope, John Fulton and E. A. Harper. The funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon in Montezuma by the Odd Fellows.