

An Old Time Resident Dies

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Commodore K. Rich, for fifty-seven years a citizen of Grinnell and vicinity passed away at the Odd Fellows home in Mason City Monday morning about four o'clock after a brief illness. Mr. Rich was born in East Bethany, New York in 1845 and at the time of his death was aged 83 years, two months and ten days. Mr. Rich lived for a time southeast of Grinnell but for many years in this city, a man of quiet, likable disposition, always a friend to everyone and an Odd Fellow in spirit and in life as well as in membership. For twenty years he was a member of the firm of Miller & Rich, ice dealers, and his entire life was one of kind and worthy living. He leaves one brother, Daniel Rich, living at Bethany, New York. A sister, Mrs. C. H. Kingdon and a brother-in-law, A. A. Legg survive him here, and other relatives.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. A short service was held at the home of A. A. Legg at two o'clock followed by a service in the Methodist church which was attended by a large number of the Odd Fellows in a body. Rev. George Blagg was in charge of both services. A quartette composed of Mrs. Roscoe Dempster, Mrs. Charles Laros, Henry Barkelew and Cecil Myers with Mrs. W. I. Molsberry at the piano sang two numbers at the church service. Bearers were Chal Chacey, R. G. Coutts, John Jantzen, F. P. Marvin, W. G. Ray and George Smith.

The services at the grave were in charge of the Odd Fellows, Chal Chacey and Homer Talbert giving the lectures and the dialogue.

Mr. Rich was one of a company of people who settled southeast of Grinnell in 1871 having come here from the vicinity of Bethany, New York.

Mr. Rich came to Grinnell in 1871 with the family of H. H. Legg who lived seven miles southeast of town for a good many years and was for a long time a member of Malcom township school board. Others who came from the same vicinity to the same neighborhood were William Kingdon and family and D. W. Brainard. Later all of these people moved to Grinnell and were for many years and those living are still honored and respected residents of this city.

Mr. Rich was a kind man. He was generous and helpful to the limit of his strength and all who knew him respected him and honored him.