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George Simmons.

George Simmons was born at Cliff, Kent County, England, Sept. 19, 1833, and departed this earth life Aug. 15, 1913, aged 79 years, 10 months and 26 days. His boyhood days and young manhood's life were passed in the mother country. It was there he became a member of the Church of England in whose communion he remained until the end. At the age of 20 he emigrated to America, settling at Groveport, Ohio. The year following he was married to Miss Mary A. Lincoln of Groveport, who, through all these years, has shared with him life's varied fortunes. To this union so richly crowned with years, were born five sons and two daughters, two of whom have journeyed to the land beyond the shadows. Those who today in him mourn the loss of a father are Robert, of Rock Island, Ill., Edward of Columbus, New Mexico; William H., George W., and Mrs. L. C. Stoaks of Grinnell. Also he is survived by the devoted wife of his early love.

After eleven years residence at Groveport the family moved to Poweshiek County, Iowa, locating on a farm near Oak Grove, seven miles southwest of Grinnell. Infirmity making further work on the farm impossible for him, he moved with the family to Grinnell in 1891, residing at 43 West Street until the end.

Although the deceased was an invalid during the greater part of his life, crippled and much of the time helpless from the dread rheumatism, he maintained through it all a light heart and a cheerful disposition. Gratitude was a dominant trait of his character. Even in the weakness of the last conscious hours he seemed profoundly thankful for the slightest favor.

Thus passes a good man, a kind neighbor, a humble apostle of the simple life—one of the few remaining pioneers of Iowa's early life whose rugged courage made of them true heralds of a better day for us in these later

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times.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. W. B. Wilson, was held at Westfield church Sunday afternoon. The pallbearers were three sons of the deceased, Robert, W. H., and George Simmons, a son-in-law, Leander Stoaks, and two nephews, Robert and Alex Lincoln.