

GRINNELL MOURNS LOSS

OF L. W. SKEELS, PIONEER

C-M 9-14-1909

Body is Borne to Last Resting
Place on Sunday by Comrades
of the G. A. R.

One of Grinnell's pioneers was buried on Sunday, when the body of L. W. Skeels was borne tenderly by the hands of his comrades of the G. A. R. to its last resting place in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mr. Skeels had made his home in Grinnell for many years and leaves behind him many who mourn the loss of a friend tried and true.

Death was due primarily to the ravages of old age, Mr. Skeels having passed his ninety-first birthday last June.

Mr. Skeels was a faithful member of the G. A. R., having served as a soldier in Company B of the Fortieth Iowa regiment during the war. The pall bearers at his funeral Sunday were comrades who had worn the blue. John Campbell, H. I. Davis, H. A. Field, A. K. Hostetter, C. H. Verbeck, and A. B. Stowe. A quartet composed of A. C. Harriman, C. W. Benson, J. C. Kibby and Ed. Kibby furnished music. The services were conducted by Rev. L. D. Weyand, pastor of the Baptist church, from the residence on Spring street.

Mr. Skeels is survived by his widow and eleven of the twelve children who were born to them. Of these all but two were at the funeral. One son, J. H. Skeels, makes his home in Grinnell. Those who were present from out of town were Hiram Skeels and Mrs. Lillie Blessing of Muscatine, Mrs. Wealthy Mackie, Mrs. Rosie Garing and son and Mrs. Will Johnson and daughter of Forest Home, D. C. Skeels of New Sharon, William Skeels of Montezuma, Marks Skeels of Omaha, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. George Bump of Newton and Loran Wynn of Greenfield, Iowa.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks to the friends who have been so kind to us in the time of our sorrow at the loss of a husband and father.—Mrs. Helen Skeels, his wife, sons and daughters.