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EARLY SETTLER DIES

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James Stark, Worthy Pioneer in Hickory Grove Township, Leaves Record of Work Well Done.

WAS BURIED IN CEMETERY NEAR THE OLD HOME

Was Soldier in the Civil War — And Was Honored in Days of Activity.

James Stark was born in Ripley county, Indiana, April 19th, 1839, and departed this life at his home in Newburg, Iowa, July 15th, 1921, ending a life of eighty-two years, two months and 26 days.

When a young man he was employed as deputy treasurer under his father, who was treasurer of Ripley county, a position he held until the war broke out in 1861. He enlisted in the Sixty-eighth Indiana regiment for three years, but with hundreds of others while in the South, many miles from home, he took the measles and it being winter time, and no shelter in which to care for so many, he became a very sick man, and in the early part of 1862 was discharged as incurable. He went back to his old home and resumed his work as deputy treasurer and county clerk, the two offices being combined at that time.

In 1864 he was united in marriage to Hester Ludwick of Versailles, Ind., and to this union were born six children, three boys and three girls; Wm. C., of Story City, Iowa; Mrs. W. E. Newton, of Newburg, Iowa; Mrs. N. J. Morgart, of Grinnell, Iowa; E. L. of Marshalltown, Iowa; C. H., of Newburg, Iowa; Mrs. C. H. Grubb of Stacy,

Iowa, who preceded him in death.

In the year 1870 he with his family came to Jasper county, Iowa, and settled in Hickory Grove township and in that township he had made his home ever since.

He held many positions of trust for his township and also served two or more terms as a member of the board of supervisors. He served also as township trustee and township clerk. He also looked after the church. He helped to build and maintain the U. B. church of which he was trustee and Conference Secretary for many years, and was an honorary member of the Board at his death.

For the last eight years he had been afflicted with hardening of the arteries and was a constant care to his wife and family.

The funeral was held at the U. B. church Monday, July 18, at 2:00 p.m., conducted by Rev. Mr. Cronk of Des Moines, Iowa, Superintendent of the U. B. Conference.

He leaves twenty-six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, with many friends to mourn his departure.

Those from a distance to attend the funeral were: Mrs. McCalmont and Bertha Flehison of Newton, Iowa; Calvin and Henry Stark, brothers of the departed, of Grant City, Mo.; Jonathan Ludwick of Orchard, Neb., a brother-in-law.

Mr. Stark was one of the tried and true pioneers who wrought his spirit into the community in which he lived, and whose life was the soul of honor. All who knew him trusted him for none lived more honorably or tried more earnestly to live the life of an earnest Christian. The many positions of honor and trust given to him speak volumes of the confidence of his neighbors in his integrity.