

J. S. BAILEY

John Sherburn Bailey was born in Windsor Co., Vermont, on June 7th 1840, on a farm where he continued to live until he became of age and so was nurtured under the New England training which left its stamp all through his life. He attended the ordinary common schools of the country and progressed so rapidly in his studies that at the early age of sixteen he began teaching in the schools of the vicinity near his home. Later he attended the Congregational school at Meriden, N. H. of which Prof. Richards was the principal of some four hundred students. At the age of twenty-two his desire to go west led him to Oskaloosa, Ia., where he began clerking for A. Faxon, selling East Liverpool, (Ohio) queensware at what would be considered small wages these days. But he remained at his post until an opening to teach occurred at Forest Home which he accepted, boarding at Dr. Terrill's, building fires and doing chores for his board.

He attended the Teachers Institute at Brooklyn during that cold winter when three ladies in attendance at the Institute determined to go home, and started for Grinnell on foot during a severe blizzard, only one making the trip through that day; the other two gave out and remained in Malcom until the blizzard subsided, when they too finished the trip to Grinnell on foot.

In the spring of 1870 he married Hattie L. Kingsley in Woodstock, Vt., and together they returned to Iowa, settling on a farm near Searsboro, remaining there thirty years, breaking out the prairie sod, building the house and making other improvements, planting trees, fruit, shade and ornamental, teaching school winters and improving the farm summers. About six years ago the family removed to Grinnell where they erected a commodious house on east 6th Ave., where they hoped to enjoy the fruits of their toil during their declining years.

Seven children have been born to this happy union, five of whom are still living.

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Some four years ago a slight soreness appeared on his lower lip which was not considered serious at first but which developed into a cancerous growth, causing great pain and distress which the most skillful physicians and surgeons in Chicago could not relieve, though several operations were performed.

During this long period of sickness and intense suffering he bore up with all the courage and fortitude he could command until death finally came to his relief.

J. S. Bailey was one of the best and kindest men it has been our privilege to know. He had endured the hardships of life but had not been hardened by them. Rather he had been made kinder by his early struggles and in his later years, when he had met with success and prosperity, he retained his unaffected qualities which made it always a pleasure to meet him. His family loses a kind and loving member while Grinnell and Poweshiek county lose a good upright, honest, citizen.

Funeral services were conducted from his late residence Saturday afternoon at half past two by Prof. S. J. Boak and the remains laid to rest in Hatfield cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all the friends and neighbors who so thoughtfully performed so many acts of generosity and loving kindness for us during the sickness and death of our husband and father, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks.

MRS. J. S. BAILEY
AND CHILDREN