

## Wm. Asbury Taylor Of 6-11 Searsboro Dies

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William Asbury Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Taylor, was born in Yadkin county, North Carolina, March 29, 1852, and passed away Sunday evening, August 4, at 8 o'clock at the age of 83 years, four months and six days, after a long and lingering illness.

His health had been failing for a number of years and in the latter months of his life he was confined to his bed, where he was very patient in spite of his idleness and the fact that he had always been used to taking care of himself and being very active.

When he was only three years old he came to Iowa with his parents in a covered wagon. In the fall of 1855 they located near Montezuma and later moved to Blue Point. At the age of nine years, when his father was called to the Civil War, the responsibilities of a family of several children fell upon his shoulders as he was the oldest. Conquering the many hardships of the pioneer days, he acquired a remarkable education and began teaching school at the age of 17 years. He taught school at different intervals for 35 years, but even in later years he was always studying each new phase of education that he had not had the privilege of learning when younger. He was also engaged in farming when not teaching until about 25 years ago, when he bought the Telephone Exchange at Searsboro and was night operator there until the last two years, being forced to quite on account of illness.

In the year of 1872, October 17, he was united in marriage to Minnie Mae Reed, and to this union were born eleven children. His wife and three children, Frank Asbury, Nina and Flora preceded him in death. The remaining children are Mrs. Mae Playle, Elk River, Minn.; Mrs. Clara Ready, Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Pearl Martin and Henry Taylor of Wallace, Nebr., and Charles, Fred, John and Frank of Grinnell. Besides his children he leaves to mourn his death one sister, Mrs. Ira Beeler of Westfield; one brother, Finley of Grinnell; twenty-six grandchildren, thirty great grandchildren, and a large number of relatives and friends.

In early life he was converted in the Methodist church at Blue Point and was true to the faith until the end.

He was well known throughout the community, interested in the welfare of others, always ready to aid, and thus a long and active life has come to a close.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Blue Point Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Eli Gregson, an old friend of the family.

Pallbearers were close friends and relatives, George Lowery, Jesse Rivers, Matt Kline, Alba Kline, Will Beeler and Walter Goreham. Mrs. J. R. Orcutt, Mrs. Floyd Stanley, Mrs. Kelly Davis and Mrs. Volney McDowell sang, with Mrs. Veta Richards at the piano. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.