

An Old Soldier Passes Away

10-8-1918
Herman Wisemiller Dies at His Home
In This City Last Friday
Afternoon.

HE WAS FORTY YEARS
RESIDENT OF GRINNELL

Is Survived by Wife and Three Children — Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon From Home.

The death of Herman Wisemiller took place Friday at 2:40 p. m. at his home, 320 Park street, in this city. He had been in poor health for some time but was able to be around the house until Sunday, Sept. 29, when his trouble, an ailment of the stomach, became acute.

Mr. Wisemiller was born on a farm in Defiance county, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1847. He lived in his native county until he grew to manhood. He was a soldier of the Civil war, being a member of Co. I, 197th regiment Ohio infantry. After coming home from the war, Sept. 13, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Stever.

In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Wisemiller moved to Illinois, living a year at Gardner and eight years at Streator. August 22, 1878, the family arrived in Grinnell where Mr. and Mrs. Wisemiller have since made their home.

Four children were born to them, three of whom survive their father as does his wife. The living children are: Mrs. Christina MacDonald, of Des Moines; Mrs. Mary Reavis, of Grinnell, and John Wisemiller, of Gary, Indiana. One daughter, Celestia, died at the age of twelve years. There are twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wisemiller was a member of the Friends church. He was a good citizen and husband and father. The fact that he was employed by one firm for eleven years shows that he was industrious and faithful. And at this time, when so much is being justly said in praise of the young soldiers who have given their lives for their country, we should not forget the old soldiers who risked their lives for a united country without which we could not successfully fight this war.

We have known Herman Wisemiller over thirty years and can join with a large circle of warm friends in bearing testimony to his uniform courtesy and manly character.

The funeral was held from the home Sunday at 2 p. m., and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Sopher of the Friends church. The three children were present, as was a granddaughter, Miss Freda Donisthorpe, of Cedar Rapids.

The pall bearers were: Wm. Bortell, H. T. Chapin H., I. Davis, J. A. Kirkpatrick, P. D. Burton and Jacob Wisecarver. They were all old soldiers, comrades of Mr. Wisemiller.