

LIFE PASSES AS CAROLS RING OUT

12-25-1923
H. H. Morris Died Christmas Eve as
Songs of Peace and Good Will
Filled the Air.

WAS ONE OF GRINNELL'S
HONORED CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Settled in This Neighborhood Soon
After the War—Funeral Services
This Morning.

Howard H. Morris, oldest son of
Hart N. and Susan Mills Morris, was
born at Ames, New York, May 25,
1842 and died at his home in Grinnell,
December 24, 1923, at the age of
eighty one.

At the age of eight he came west
with the family to Illinois, where
he lived on a farm and attended the
district school. At the age of nine-
teen, in '61, he enlisted in the 33rd
Illinois Volunteers and remained in
the service for four years and four
months. Most of the time his regi-
ment was on duty west of the Missis-
sippi. After engaging in several
skirmishes and battles, his organiza-
tion was put under the command of
General Grant at the time of his march
down the river. During the Assault
on Vicksburg on May 22, 1863, he was
wounded but after recovery, he con-
tinued in the service.

He was discharged in December,
1865 and returned to his Illinois
home where he farmed for two years.
He then came to Iowa, and with his
savings from his army service at \$15-
00 per month, and his subsequent
farming operations, he was able to
buy a farm near where Newburg now
stands for six dollars and a half an
acre. On that farm he lived until
October 1908 when he came to Grin-
nell.

On May 22nd, 1870, he was married
to Miss Mary Haskell of Tiskilwa,
Illinois, who had been visiting her
sister, Mrs. D. R. Morgan of Chester. To
them were born two daughters, Bertha

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and Ida, who at considerable sacri-
fice were given the school advantages
of Grinnell.

At the age of sixteen, Howard Mor-
ris united with the church at Arispe,
Illinois, and in 1863 brought his let-
ter to the Grinnell Congregational
church. In 1880, he helped organize
the Congregational church at Newburg
where he served as a deacon until
he removed to Grinnell, where he was
a faithful member of the Congrega-
tional Church at the time of his death.
All who have ever known him will
gladly testify to his sterling, kindly,
loyal Christian life.

During his residence at Newburg,
Mr. Morris was active in all good en-
terprises. He was an enterprising
member of the Grange and he was one
of a group that fearlessly fought the
saloons and finally drove them out of
the community.

Since coming to Grinnell, Mr. Mor-
ris has been one of the most useful
members of the Gordon Granger Post
of the G. A. R. He has held the var-
ious offices with credit and has been
particularly helpful in the detailed
work incidental to Memorial Day.

With characteristic modesty, Mr.
and Mrs. Morris made no mention to
their friends of the passing of their
Golden Wedding anniversary, but on
the fifty-third anniversary, these
same friends crowded their home
and showered them with the honor
and affection they so truly deserved.

For several months past, Mr. Mor-
ris has been troubled with cataract of
the eyes and recently had become al-
most totally blind. He was suffer-
ing from a general failure in health
and an acute attack of the influenza
hastened his death. The end came
on Christmas Eve just at the time the
carol singers were singing past his
door.

He is survived by four brothers,
George H. of Grinnell, Henry O. of
Alhambra, California, Norman F. of
Tiskilwa, Illinois and Willis M. of
Lacassin, La., by his wife, by his two
daughters, Mrs. Bertha Palmer of
Pasadena, California, and Miss Ida
of Washington, D. C. and by one
grand-child, Lois Palmer.

Mr. Morris was one of the hardy,
industrious and Christian men who
have helped to make so many thrifty
and intellectual Western communities.
His service to his country and his
service to his community have been
notable ones. He gave freely and
asked nothing in return. His death
marks the passing of another of our
pioneers who, with his estimable wife,
helped make the community in which
they lived one of the highest in influ-
ence, in culture and in civic honesty.
The funeral services were held
from the home on West Street at
10:30 o'clock this morning.

Rev. E. V. Cross conducted the
services and Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer
and Miss Stella Bartlett sang two
songs, "The King of Love My Shep-
herd Is" and "Abide With Me." The
palbearers were: Pearl Garner, H. T.
Keener, E. M. Kearney, H. C. Morse,
P. Hutchinson, and H. A. Rogers.

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Pass Resolutions For Howard H. Morris

Gordon Granger Post, G. A. R., Tak-
ing Formal Action for Departed
Member, 1924

In the death of our esteemed col-
league Howard H. Morris which occur-
red on December 26th, A. D. 1923,
his home here in Grinnell, the Post
again called to mourn the departure
of a faithful, and earnest mem-
ber who was always ready and anxious
to discharge any duty, or obligation
assigned to him by the Post.

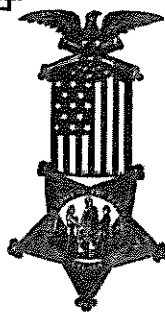
He served in the army during the
Civil War as a member of Co. F, 33d
Ill. Infantry, enlisting August 30
1861, and was discharged on Decem-
ber 21, 1865.

He endured all the hardships and
dangers of the long marches, ex-
tremest activities, even to the sie-
ge of Vicksburg with the same patience
and fortitude that he exhibited in ci-
vil life after his discharge here at
home.

Therefore, we do resolve by the
members of Gordon Granger Post 1
64 in regular session that we wish
to extend to his bereaved family, to
friends the fullest measure of our
condolence, and sympathy, remem-
bering that all things work together for
good.

We do further resolve that a copy
of these resolutions be supplied to the
family of the deceased, also be fur-
nished the Grinnell Herald for pub-
lication, and spread upon the recor-
ds of the Post, and that the Charter
be draped in mourning for a period
thirty days.

H. I. Davis, Commander,
Fred. Rollins and Burton, Com.



Grand Army of the Republic

HOWARD H. MORRIS

2015 will mark the 150th anniversary of the end of America's Civil War. Grinnell Historical Museum volunteers Karen Groves, Ann Igoe, Julie Young and Shane Estes have created biographies of men who were participants in a local project just after World War I to photograph Civil War veterans. The Nina Wayne Grau Studio photographed the Grinnell veterans in 1922. Over 200 Civil War veterans are buried in Hazelwood Cemetery, including most of the veterans photographed in 1922. Here is one of those portraits and biographies:

Howard H. Morris, son of Hart N. and Susan Mills Morris, was born at Ames, N.Y. on May 25, 1842. His family moved to a farm in Illinois when he was eight years old. In 1861 when he was 19 Morris enlisted in the 33rd Illinois Infantry.

Morris served for four years. His regiment was on duty west of the Mississippi but was engaged in the siege of Vicksburg, Miss., where he was wounded. He continued with the regiment after recovering from his wounds and was discharged in December of 1865.

Morris farmed in Illinois for two years and then came to Iowa where he used his savings from his army service to purchase a farm for \$6.50

an acre near the present town of Newburg.

Howard Morris and Mary Haskell were married on May 22,

1879, and had two daughters, Bertha and Ida. Morris was one of the organizers of the Congregational Church in Newburg where he was a deacon. He transferred to the Grinnell Congregational Church when the family moved to Grinnell in 1908. They resided at 1132 West St. Morris was an active member of the Newburg Grange and Grinnell's Gordon Granger post of the

Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War veterans.

Howard Morris died on Dec. 24, 1923, at the age of 81 and is buried in Hazelwood Cemetery.

