

SDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1927.

T. G. Pilgrim Is Summoned

Closes a Life Full of Good Works At
The Ripe Old Age of 87
Years.

SERVED THREE YEARS
IN THE UNION ARMY

Had Made His Home in Grinnell and
Its Vicinity for the Past Forty
Years.

Thomas G. Pilgrim was born in Connecticut Feb. 11, 1840, and died at his home in Grinnell, Iowa, Feb. 3, 1927, having reached the age of almost 87 years. He was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Clark on Nov. 26, 1868, and for a little more than 58 years they walked life's highway together in faithful companionship. Five children were born to them, all of whom, with the wife and mother, mourn the passing of a loved one. The children are, Mrs. Will Hafkey, Gilman, Mrs. A. H. Bacon, Grinnell, Miss Carrie Pilgrim, at home, H. C. and Will Pilgrim of Omaha, Neb. Five grandchildren also survive him.

Mr. Pilgrim served for three years in the Civil War, enlisting at Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 14, 1861, and was mustered in as Corporal in Co. A 37 Reg. Ill. Vol. Inf. at Chicago, Ill., Sept. 18, 1861. The regiment was known as the "Fremont Rifles" and participated in many major engagements of the war. It is estimated that this regiment covered a distance of 17,845 miles and earned the sobriquet of the "Illinois Greyhounds."

He was well known in this community as he lived in Grinnell and vicinity for forty three years. He engaged extensively in dairying in which business he was considered an expert. A man of splendid character and clean living he was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon in charge of the Rev. George Blagg. Appropriate hymns were sung by a male quartet under the direction of Mr. Dave Peck. Burial was made in Hazelwood.

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Grand Army of the Republic

THOMAS G. PILGRIM

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:

Thomas G. Pilgrim was born Feb. 11, 1840, in Connecticut. On Aug. 14, 1861, at Rock Island, Ill., he was mustered in to Company A of the 37th Illinois Infantry Regiment as a corporal.

The unit was known as the Fremont Rifles and participated in many major engagements in the western theater during the Civil War. The regiment fought at Pea Ridge; guarded the frontier against guerrillas in Missouri; moved into Arkansas for the battle of Prairie Grove; moved on to Cape Girardeau, Mo., then Vicksburg and Yazoo City, Miss.

The regiment next traveled south to Bayou Fardoche, La., and then to the Rio Grande and Brownsville in Texas.

The unit constructed a steamboat bridge across a bayou in Louisiana and shortly thereafter Corp. Pilgrim was mustered out of service on

Oct. 4, 1864. The unit earned the new title of Illinois Greyhounds due to the overall distance they covered during the war, 17,846 miles.

Thomas Pilgrim married Lizzie Clark in Rock Island, Ill., on Nov. 26, 1868. They moved to Grinnell in

1884. They were the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Will Hafkey, Mrs. A.H. Bacon and Miss Carrie Pilgrim, all of the Grinnell area, and two sons, H. C. and Will of Omaha, Neb.

In the 1890 city directory the family's address was 622 Main St. In 1894 they were living at 932 Summer St.

The directory lists Pilgrim's oc-

cupation as dairyman or milkman. After Pilgrim's retirement the family lived at 603 Broad St. and then 1602 Fifth Ave.

Pilgrim died on Feb. 3, 1927, at the age of 86 years, eleven months and 22 days. He was buried at Hazelwood Cemetery.

