

Taps Sound For Veteran

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William Calvin Williams Jolus Com-
panions of Grand Army on Other
Shore.

DIED FIVE DAYS AFTER HIS
EIGHTY FIRST BIRTHDAY.

Funeral Services, Were Held Thurs-
day With Masons in Charge of
Interment.

William Calvin Williams was born in Edmundson County, Kentucky, July 12th, 1847 and died at his home in Grinnell, Iowa, July 17, 1928, aged 81 years and 5 days. He was left an orphan at the age of ten years. He stayed with one of his mother's sisters for awhile and then went to another aunt, Mrs. Wm. Gilreath, with whom he lived until he went to the war of 1861-1865.

He was too young to enlist but being in the midst of the war zone and not being able to stay at home he went with a company of Union soldiers for a year. He then enlisted with Co. F 13th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry and remained in the service for the remainder of the war.

In 1868 he moved to Kellogg, where he made his home for a few years. On December 31st, 1872 he was united in marriage with Marian Alice Cook who preceded him in death nearly two years ago. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Annie E. Turner of Grinnell, Viola Maud, who died when nearly five years of age, Mrs. B. Aree Watson of Des Moines and Mrs. Leila Mabel Brayton who died in 1909. There are four grandchildren, Glen C. Woomer, Leland, Iowa, Carl S. Woomer of Bandon, Ore., Dewey H. Woomer of Truesdale, Iowa and Ruth M. Watson of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Masonic order for more than fifty years and of the G. A. R. He was well known in Grinnell. He was a man of unusually generous impulses and was a friend to strangers welcoming them to his home with true southern hospitality. Funeral services were held from his late home in Grinnell and from the Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. George Blagg. The services at the grave were in charge of the Masons. Burial was made in Hazelwood.

Suitable music was furnished by Mrs. D. H. Snook and Mrs. R. T. Bouma. Pall bearers, all members of the Masonic Lodge, were F. S. Edge, K. C. George, G. F. Hatcher, A. M. Burton, A. R. Longnecker and L. C. Bennett.



Grand Army of the Republic

WILLIAM CALVIN WILLIAMS

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:

William Calvin Williams was born in Edmundson County, Ky., on July 12, 1847. He was left an orphan at the age of ten. He lived with two aunts at different times after being orphaned.

Williams was too young to enlist when the Civil War broke out in 1861. Kentucky was then a war zone. Not being able to stay at home as the war raged, Williams went with a company of Union soldiers for a year. He then enlisted in Company F of the 13th Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry. The regiment served around Lebanon, Cumberland River, Obey's River, Wolf River, Canton, Roaring Springs and Mount Sterling and engaged in operations against the guerrilla John Hunt Morgan and participated in Burbridge's Expedition into southwest Virginia, Saltsville, VA, Lexington, Crab Orchard and Camp Nelson.

In 1868 he moved to Kellogg where he made his home for several years. On Dec. 31, 1872, he was

married to Marian Alice Cook. The couple had four children, Annie Williams Turner, Viola Maud Williams who died at age four, Aree Williams Watson and Lila Williams Brayton. They lived in Section 26 in Rock Creek Township in Jasper County.

In 1900 the family was living at

1020 Chatterton St. in Grinnell. Williams' occupation was then listed as a fish dealer. In records for 1905 and 1910 the family's residence is listed as 1707 Fourth Ave. In 1920 the family lived at 623 Main St. The Williams celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary together.

Williams was active in the

Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Civil War veterans. His wife Marian was treasurer of the Lincoln Circle of the GAR in 1894 and a patriotic instructor of the Women's Relief Corps in 1917.

Williams died on July 17, 1928, at the age of 81 years and five days. He was buried at Hazelwood Cemetery.

