

JACOB WISECARVER GOES TO HIS FINAL REST

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One of the Last of the Civil
War Veteran Answers
His Final Summons
and Joins His Civil
War Comrades
Who Have
Gone Before

Jacob Wisecarver, one of Grinnell's four remaining Veterans of the Civil War, was called from this life Sunday morning, June 10, 1934 at his home 1021 High street, Grinnell, Iowa, to answer his heavenly reveille. He and his sister Sarah were born near Maysville, Iowa, January 29, 1844, children of Samuel and Katherine Schuck Wisecarver, making Mr. Wisecarver at the time of his death more than ninety years old. His education was obtained in the rural school where the equipment was of most primitive style. He often told his children and grandchildren of the seats made of logs and held together with pegs. There were no desks except the ones used by the teachers and on this they were taught to write and figure.

When not yet eighteen years of age Mr. Wisecarver heard Lincoln's call for volunteers and on October 1, 1861 he enlisted, and in that same month he was mustered in Company E, 13th Iowa Re-

giment. On October, 15, 1863 he was made Fourth Corporal. After the expiration of his first term of service Mr. Wisecarver again enlisted January 1, 1864 and at that time was made Second Corporal. On July 22, 1864, near Atlanta, Georgia, he was wounded and lay on the battlefield twenty-four hours before he was found by the stretcher bearer. Among the battles in which he fought were Shiloh, Iuka and Corinth. On July 21, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. he was mustered out having served almost the duration of the war. The privations and suffering which he endured, during that memorable period from 1861 to 1865, imbued him with a spirit of loyalty and love for his country, for the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations, a spirit which seems to be in the heart of every Civil War veteran.

On January 22, 1866 Mr. Wisecarver was united in marriage to Miss Frances Roseman, who was his loyal companion and helpmate for sixty-six years. Only two years ago death separated them, but they are again united, this time in the Presence of God, and forever. Their children, Edward, William, George and Mrs. Jesse Dunham, all of Grinnell, survive their parents. Their daughter, Mrs. Nettie Coop died in 1920 and a son, Alfred, died in infancy. Sixteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren are left to revere the memory of a gentle generous grandfather. The late sister, Mrs. Sarah Molton, of Okanoma and Mrs. Rose Wonderly, a sister but two years younger, also survive their aged brother.

Most of Mr. Wisecarver's life was spent on the farm and for many years, he lived on the Wisecarver farm two miles east of the former Grinnell fair grounds. But when the long hours of toil, necessary on the farm, became too burdensome for Mr. and Mrs. Wisecarver they came to Grinnell and located at 1021 High Street, where they made a home for themselves, their children, their friends, yes, even the homeless. Now Mr. Wisecarver's death has broken the last ties that bound together that home which was in truth a home of love and welcome. But he will live in the memory of his children as a good man, gentle and childlike in manner and as his soul wings its way heavenward,

Voices are heard on earth of his children weeping

The loss of one they love.
But the soul has gone where the redeemed are keeping

A festival above.
And saying as they meet, "Rejoice another

Long waited for has come."
The Savior's heart is glad. A Loving soul now

Hath reached the Father's home.

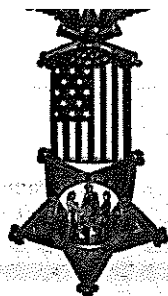
Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. conducted by the Rev. C. R. Zimmerman of Marengo, and Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer, accompanied by Mrs. Roscoe Dempster, sang "In The Garden" and "God Be With You". Six grandsons, George Coop, Earl, Louis, Roy, Alfred, and Clarence Wisecarver acted as pall-bearers and honorary pall-bearers, J. L. Fellows, L. M. Verbeck, Wm. De-

CARDS OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our friends for their thoughtful kindness and for the beautiful floral tributes sent during the illness and at the time of the death of our beloved father and grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Dunham and daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wisecarver and family.
George Wisecarver.
Earl Wisecarver.
Mr. and Mrs. William Wisecarver and family.
Mr. Ed Coop and family.

Camp, A. M. Barr, Henry Lemke and John Lynch were chosen from the Spanish War Veterans. The G. A. R. was represented by Comrade Vandorn and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War attended in a body. Interment was in the family lot in Hazelwood.



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JACOB WISECARVER

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:

Jacob Wisecarver, a twin, was born Jan. 29, 1844, near Maysville to Samuel and Katherine Schuck Wisecarver. He was one of only two native Iowans to be represented among the 28 Civil War veterans photographed in 1922. Only ten of the 28 served in Iowa units with the rest serving in regiments from seven other states, showing the massive westward migration in the U.S. under way in the 19th century.

Wisecarver attended a rural Iowa school. In his later years he loved to tell his grandchildren how the furniture was so primitive, how the seats were made of logs held together with pegs, and that only the teacher had a desk.

On Oct. 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company E of the 13th Iowa Regiment, known as the Crocker Brigade, at the age of 18. Two years later he was promoted to fourth Corporal, and he moved up to a second Corporal when he re-enlisted as a Veteran.

Wisecarver participated in many of the battles in the Union's western and southern campaigns. Among the battles he fought were Shiloh, Iuka and Corinth, General Grant's Mississippi Campaign, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion's Hill, Big Black River, Vicksburg, Monroe, the Meridian Campaign, Ackworth, Marietta, Kennesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, Chattahoochee River, Atlanta, Jonesboro, the pursuit of Confederate General Hood into Alabama, Savannah, March to the Sea, Carolinas, Raleigh, Bennett's House, and the surrender of Confederate General Johnston and his

Wisecarver concluded his service in Washington, D.C., where he participated in the two-day Grand Review of many of the union troops.

On July 22, 1864, Union General McPherson was killed in fighting near Atlanta, Ga. An hour and a half after the general's death Wisecarver was shot through the hip and fore-

arm. He laid on the battlefield for 24 hours before he was found by a stretcher bearer seeking wounded soldiers.

Wisecarver received a military service pension of \$2 per month for his left hip and arm wounds. The pension began in July of 1881.

On Jan. 22, 1866, Jacob Wisecarver was united in marriage to Frances

Roseman in Scott County. They had 66 years together. They were the parents of Edward Wisecarver, William Wisecarver, George Wisecarver, Jesse Wisecarver Dunham, Nettie Wisecarver Coop and Alfred Wisecarver who died in infancy.

After their wedding, the young couple went to their farm home near Blue Grass where they experienced the hardships of real pioneer life. In 1881 they ventured farther West and settled on a farm two miles east of the former Grinnell fair grounds in Section 13 of Grinnell Township, later re-named Grant Township.

They concluded that pioneer life was too much of a hardship and moved to 1021 High St. in Grinnell. They were known to make a home for the homeless, college students or strangers.

Wisecarver was one of Grinnell's four remaining Veterans of the Civil War when he departed this life on June 10, 1934, at the age of 90. He was buried at Hazelwood

