

—The death of Rev. Asa Elmore Everest removes from this life a man of active habits, who participated in many of the most stirring events of his time. His death was the calm and peaceful passing away of a worn out body. There was no disease, only a gradual dissolution of the vital forces, the breath of life going out in a peaceful sleep. Everest's death occurred early Thursday morning at the home of his son Frank in Council Bluffs. The deceased was a retired minister of the Congregational church; he removed to Council Bluffs with his son in 1895. Prior to that time his residence was at this place, for a period of fifteen years. He was born in Peru, Clinton county, N. Y. He received his education at Kimball Union academy, Middlebury college and Union Theological seminary, graduating from the latter in 1850. Mr. Everest was married September 6, 1866, to Anna Mary, daughter of ex-Governor Fort of New Jersey, at Egypt, N. J. Prior to his marriage he filled pastorates in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Moores. In 1866 he came west with his wife to Illinois as a home missionary. He continued in this work in Illinois and in this state until 1880, when his voice failed him while preaching at Belle Plaine, Ia. The death of his wife occurred in 1884 at this place. Mr. Everest was a prominent local abolitionist in New York state and after assisting in recruiting a number of companies in and about Moores, he enlisted himself and served as chaplain in the One Hundred and Eighteenth regular United States colored troops until mustered out at the close of the war. In 1856 he assisted in the organization of the republican party in New York and until the time of his death he continued an active interest in the success of that party. Brief funeral services were conducted at the residence of his son by Rev. J. W. Wilson and Rev. G. G. Rice at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The body, accompanied by his son Frank was then brought to Grinnell for burial. The body was met at the station Sunday morning by an escort of Gordon Granger Post, and followed by the carriages of friends, was taken to Hazelwood and laid to rest beside the body of his wife, the brief service being conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum. Mr. Everest was 78 years of age.

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