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### **Walter Adams.**

Walter Adams was born in Ontario, Canada, Nov. 18, 1823 and departed this life March 9, 1908, being 84 years, 3 months and 15 days of age.

After making his home in Canada until the age of 23 he moved to Illinois with his wife and one child. Here on the broad prairie he made a home for himself and family.

In 1853 his wife died. Four children blessed this union, one dying in infancy. The other three, Mr. C. M. Adams, Mrs. Adaline Princehouse and Mrs. Delma White all living in Grinnell.

In 1854 he was again married to Miss Martha Adams of Kewanee, Ill., who for 52 years has been a loving companion and helpmate, and still survives him. To this second union were born five children, Mrs. Emmertta Hughes, Irvin R. and William A., of Grinnell; Mrs. Eva L. George of Fulton, Ill.; and Wesley, who died in childhood.

In 1875 Mr. Adams came to Iowa and settled on a farm seven miles northwest of Grinnell. This was his home until 1891 when he moved to the town of Grinnell where he resided until the time of his death.

When but a young man he gave his heart to God and has always been an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist church. His sudden death was a great shock to both family and friends, where he will be greatly missed.

Walter Adams was a man of God. He was a burning and shining light. His advantages in early life were few. He was a pioneer and yet at his death it can be said that few lives in this community have exerted a greater influence for good. The secret of his life was Jesus. Biography may go back 84 years to the babe in the cradle, but the heavenly record goes not so far. There is an event