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C. M. Bailey.

Charles M. Bailey, whose body was brought here for burial from Des Moines a week ago today, was a resident of this city between the years 1887 and 1898. Prior to this time he lived at Waukon, from which place he entered the army, and at Cherokee and Sibley. In Sibley he worked for several years at his trade as a blacksmith and was prominent in G. A. R. and church circles there. He was one of the leaders of the prohibition movement there and led a raid against the principal saloon-keeper in the town who had been violating the laws continually. He was a member of the Congregational church there from its pioneer days and his home was a center of active and generous helpfulness to everyone in need.

On moving to Grinnell in the fall of 1887, that he might better educate his children, he took a similar place in our town life, winning the respect of everyone who knew him as a man of sterling character and kind impulses. He became a member of the Congregational church here and lived the life of a good citizen and kind neighbor.

While here one son, Edward Burton, who had been dedicated to the ministry, died within a year from the time he entered the College. Mr. Bailey himself had been in frail health ever since leaving the army and previous to coming here had given up his work at the forge. He now accepted a clerical position in the State Auditor's office at Des Moines. The family remained here for some time but removed to the capital city in 1898. Since that time his health has been failing and he was able to do his work only part of the time. His death occurred at his home last week and the remains were brought here to lie beside those of his two children.

The members of the G. A. R. accompanied the remains to the cemetery, where brief services were conducted by Professor S. J. Buck. Mrs. Bailey of Des Moines and son Frank of Colorado Springs, accompanied the remains here. In Mr. Bailey's death is lost a good, true, sincere Christian man. He was forced by his early patriotism and bravery to contend against the handicap of ill health the greater part of his life, but this he did valiantly and uncomplainingly—and played his part in life like a man. The family have the deepest sympathy of the large number of old friends and neighbors here who bear the memory of the deceased with kindness.