

2-18 CHARLES M. BLACK. 1901

Charles M. Black was born at Swansville, Me., January 13, 1832, and died at Marshalltown June 14, 1901. He lived at home working with his father at farming and shipbuilding until he was eleven years old. At this age he went to sea and followed a sea-faring life for thirteen years. During which time he was captain of three different vessels.

Deceased was married to Sarah Morsman in 1853, who died February 13, 1896. He came to Iowa in 1857 and when the Civil war broke out he enlisted and served nearly five years in the 4th Iowa Cavalry, Co. E, as bugler. Since the war he has lived in Grinnell, engaged as a carpenter and builder. He leaves four children—three sons, Herbert, Edgar and Fred, who live in Rock Island, Ill., and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Matteson, who resides in this city, also three brothers and two sisters. He was a kind father and a large circle of friends sympathize with the bereaved ones. He was for many years a member of the Baptist church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. E. Morpny, assisted by Prof. L. F. Parker, who was an old acquaintance and a fellow soldier, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Matteson, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The remains were laid to rest in Hazelwood cemetery, accompanied by a numerous company of veterans of the G. A. R., and other friends. All of Mr. Black's children were present at the funeral. Those from out of town were Ed and son, Fred and family, and Herbert and family, all of Rock Island.