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### JONATHAN CHILD

As announced in these columns the funeral of Mr. Jonathan Child occurred on Saturday last at 2 o'clock p. m. The quartet consisted of Mrs. Mack, Mrs. Heidel, Mr. Augustus Harriman and Mr. Fred Morrison. The bearers were Messrs J. A. Flook, J. P. Lyman, Lucius Sanders, Howard Sanders, C. F. Childs and D. S. Morrison. The services were in charge of Dr. Vittum assisted by Prof. Parker.

Mr. Child belonged to one of the earliest of the New England families, its founder having come to America in 1630. It has been honorably represented in business, in governmental and military service, in education and in religious enterprises. Some of its members were enrolled in the armies of the Revolution, of 1812 and of the Civil war.

His father, Deacon Dudley Child, when a young man, went from Massachusetts to reside in Bath, N. H. There the son, Jonathan, was born in 1821. There too, in 1846 he was united in marriage with Martha H. Walker with whom he lived more than fifty years.

He removed to Grinnell in 1868 and abandoned farming for a more general business.

He belonged to the New England Yeomanry and bore their characteristics in his own person. Like them he was accustomed to fill his hours with useful labor leaving little or no time for mere amusement. Like them too, he was economical, laying up a competence from a small annual surplus. He neither sought nor acquired any large speculative gains. He loved to live in the center of a small group of cherished friends and had no

the more nominal friendship of a large circle. The loss of his wife in the year 1900 bound him more closely to his children.

He was so unambitious for any office that when he was induced to allow his name to be used at an election he defeated himself by a single vote either by staying away from the polls or by voting for his competitor.

The heavy financial loss which came to him and to many others in 1904 by a bank failure gave him no anxiety for himself for, even if he had lost everything, he said his children would furnish him with every comfort.

In his days of active business he oppressed no man, and as a bank director never desired to have a debtor needlessly embarrassed. He was glad to help an honest man in need to get on his feet and to walk more firmly.

His death takes a friend from our streets whom it was a pleasure for all acquaintances to meet, but his increasing feebleness during the last few months prepared them for the impending loss.

He leaves in Grinnell his four living children, Mrs. Chloe Walker Waring, Aldace Walker Child, Arthur Leen Child and Mrs. Hattie Martha Hammond. His only living brother, Dudley, aged 86 resides here, his brother-in-law, Dea. John C. Walker, and his nephew, Emory S. Bartlett. These with their families constitute a large group of relatives in the midst of a large circle of sincerely sympathizing friends who came from Bath or were won by his friendly life while living here during thirty-seven years. Many will remember that no place ever made a worthier contribution to our population than did that little town of Bath from which came the Childs, Bartletts, Morrisons, Walkers, Casses, and Sutherlands.

L.F.P.

CHILD, J. & SON—Proprietors of livery and feed stable, Grinnell. This firm is composed of J. and A. W. Child. The former was born in Bath, New Hampshire, February 10, 1821, and was there raised and educated. He engaged in farming until the spring of 1868, when he came to this county, located at Grinnell, and commenced the livery business, which he has since followed. His marriage was in Bath, March 4, 1846, to Miss Martha H. Walker. They have four children: Chloe W., Aldace W., Arthur L. and Hattie M. Aldace W. Child, the junior member of this firm, was born in New Hampshire, January 11, 1852, where he was educated. At the age of sixteen years, he removed with his parents to this city, and is now engaged with his father in the livery business. He was married in New Hampshire, September 7, 1875, to Miss Alice B. Weeks. They have one child: Clinton C. (born July 4, 1876).

CHILDS, C. F.—Farmer, section 22, P. O. Grinnell. Was born in Madison county, Ohio, September 8, 1838, and there attended school. After finishing his education, he commenced teaching, and farming, and was thus employed until the spring of 1863, when he went to Benzonia, Michigan. There resumed his former occupation, and in the fall of 1867 he came to Iowa, settled in Cedar county, where he remained until the spring of 1876. Then came to this county, and now owns a farm of 192 acres, well improved. Mr. Childs was married in Medina county, Ohio, April 12, 1863, to Miss Mary J. Chapin. Their family consists of five children, four of whom are living: Ella V., Arthur C., Mary E. and Thomas E. Lost one son, Charles H.