

An Obituary Of

3-16-1934 T. S. Craver

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Thomas S. Craver, a resident of this community the past forty-one years, passed away at his farm home, northwest of New Sharon, Friday, at the age of 85 years, 10 months and 18 days. His last illness was of short duration.

Mr. Craver represented the sturdy pioneer stock which played an important part in the settling of the middle west. As a business man and farmer, he gained a wide circle of friends who knew him as an honest, upright man.

Born April 21, 1848, in New Jersey, Mr. Craver moved with his parents to Indiana, while still in his infancy and came with them to Iowa in 1856, making the trip from Indiana by ox team and wagons. They settled on a farm in the Buck Creek community, Poweshiek county. He purchased this farm when a young man and has owned it since that time.

He attended school at Grinnell for a time and later enrolled at Eastman's Business college in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., being graduated from that institution with the class of 1875. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Edna S. Verbeck, of Grinnell. Six children were born to this union, all of whom are living. They are Luther, at home; Merrill, Montezuma; Mrs. Lucy Inman and Mrs. Grace Rogers, Ontario, Calif.; Mrs. Mary Goodner, Searsboro and S. Grant Craver, Milwaukee, Wis. Eleven grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Craver died in 1898 and in the year 1906 Mr. Craver was united in marriage to Cassie J. Fry, who passed away in 1921. There were no children by this marriage.

Mr. Craver was engaged in business in Grinnell until 1893, when he moved back to the farm.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the New Sharon M. E. church at 1 o'clock, with Dr. George Blagg in charge. The Rev. Lloyd Tennant, of Bloomfield, former local pastor, delivered the funeral oration. Music was furnished by Mrs. J. R. Downey, accompanied at the piano by Miss May McVay. Interment was in the Hazelwood cemetery at Grinnell.

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(By W. G. RAY)

The death of T. S. Craver of Sugar Creek township which occurred a short time ago has brought back to me memories of the first visit which I made to a store after I came here in 1875. At that time there were two Cravers clerking in Grinnell; one was T. S. and the other T. B.

T. B. Craver was clerking for the Goss & Carney Lumber Company, where the York lumber yard now is. He went, if I remember correctly, to Montana some time afterward. T. S. Craver was clerking for the firm of Holyoke & Hedges, in a building located on the corner where V. G. Preston's store now stands. I do not know just what changed the partnership of Holyoke & Hedges, but I presume it was the death of Dr. Holyoke, about two years afterward, and then Dr. Hedges moved into the building across the street, to the store now owned by W. R. Mullins.

T. S. Craver afterward moved back to Sugar Creek township. His home was near the schoolhouse, about on the ground where the marshals were shot Oct. 1, 1864. I think it would be proper for the board of supervisors to put a marker on the spot where those men were shot. Mr. Craver lived there all these years and most of the time was a subscriber to The Herald. I remember him especially as a man of honor. At one time in my life he thought The Herald had not credited our books with the proper payment on his subscription and insisted on paying me two years more than I was willing to admit he owed us.

There aren't very many men in this country who want to pay you more than you charge them, but he insisted on paying it. My recollection of him in other ways is that he was always a fine fellow, a cousin of C. F. Craver and a member of one of the well known Craver families who settled in Sugar Creek in the early days.