

ANOTHER PIONEER IS CALLED BY DEATH

1-25-1924
Samuel Decatur, Resident of Grinnell
Since 1868, Passes Away Yesterday.

HAD REACHED ADVANCED
AGE OF SEVENTY-THREE.

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For Some Time—Died at Hospital.

Samuel Decatur, one of the original pioneers and resident of Grinnell since 1868, passed away at the Community hospital at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the advanced age of 73 years. He had been in poor health for some time but was taken worse about five weeks ago and moved to the hospital. Death came as the result of a complication of diseases.

Mr. Decatur is survived by his wife, five sons, Herbert, George, Clarence, William and Lawrence, two daughters, Mrs. Arthur Durr and Mrs. Will Tesser, all of Grinnell.

Funeral services will be held at the home, 611 Prairie street, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Carman, of the Baptist church will conduct the services. Interment will be made in Hazelwood.

eral of Samuel Decatur Saturday

Old Resident Is Sincerely Mourned By
Wide Circle Of Friends.

1-24-1924

After a long illness of a complication of diseases, Samuel Decatur, resident of this vicinity since 1868, passed away at the Community hospital last Thursday afternoon. He was 73 years old and most of his life had been spent in this community. He was a good man, a worthy, loving father and his influence was always for good.

Samuel Decatur was born in Tioga county, New York, October 15, 1850, the son of William and Julia Ann (Cartwright) Decatur, both natives of New York. The family consisted of seven children, four boys and three girls, of which the deceased was third. The only other member of the family still living is Mrs. Mary Jones, now living in Tulare, South Dakota.

Mr. Decatur received his education in the public schools of New York, and when but 17 years of age was compelled to work to help support the family while the father was in the Civil War. In 1868 at the age of 18 he came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, working by the month most of the time until he located on a farm three miles west of Grinnell. Here he lived until he moved into town about eleven years ago, where he has resided until taken to the Community hospital a few weeks ago. He died on Thursday, January 24, at 3 p. m., aged 73 years, 3 months and 9 days.

In 1876 Mr. Decatur was married to Orilla Clapp of Walworth county, Wisconsin, who still survives him. To this union were born eight children, the oldest, Althea, dying in infancy. The other children are all living and reside in or near Grinnell: Clarence, Mrs. Will Tesser, George, Herbert, Mrs. Arthur Durr, Lawrence and William.

Mr. Decatur's long residence in this community and county has won for him a host of friends who remember him sincerely as a neighbor and friend, and who join today in deepest sympathy with his family and relatives in their sorrow.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Carman, held from the home, 611 Prairie street, at 2 p. m. Saturday, January 26. The five sons and nephew, Ira Marsh of Gilman, acted as pallbearers. Interment was in Hazelwood.