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Charles William Doolittle was born in Hampton, Oneida Co., New York, Feb. 19, 1828 and died in Grinnell Mar. 16, 1905 at the age of 77 years.

His mother and younger brother died during his early childhood. His only sister, Cornelia Doolittle wife of the late James F. Bailey, of Grinnell passed away Jan. 9th 1893, and his half sister, Nancy Doolittle Kennedy, died some years since.

In his sixteenth year he left home and became an apprentice to a carpenter.

He always regretted the lack of opportunity to obtain an education and during his last years reading was one of his greatest pleasures.

Feb. 26, 1850 he was married to Eliza R. Conklin in Matteawan, N. Y., where he resided for a year.

The next year was spent in Butler, N. Y., after which they returned to Matteawan and remained until 1858.

That year was spent in Poughkeeps-

name by all the children of the village.

In 1874 he united with the church in Fishkill, where he retained his membership until it was transferred to the Grinnell Congregational church in Nov. 1901.

His wife died Dec. 17, 1898. For a number of months he was cared for in the family of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wiltse.

In September 1899 he went to Duluth, Minn., where for two years he was a member of the home of his nephew, William D. Bailey, and his sisters.

His life since then has been spent in Grinnell dividing his time at the homes of his neices, Mrs. Geo. T. Baggs and the Misses Gertrude L. and Jennie Bailey.

Mrs. Ella C. Read of Parsons, Kan., is also his neice.

He died at the home of Mrs. Baggs, Mar. 16, 1905. A few days before his death he testified to his faith in Christ and expressed a wish to join

other and loved by all, their years were spent in quietness and peace.

No children came to gladden their home but he was called "Uncle