

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1920.

LeROY D. FOREHAND

LeRoy D. Forehand was born in Croydon, N. H., April 25, 1846, one of a family of thirteen children. When he was eight years of age his father went west with the California gold seekers and it was necessary for the little lad to help with the work at home. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in Company C, First New Hampshire Cavalry and served from February 16, 1863 to July 30, 1865, in the Union armies of the East. Here he acquired the keen liking for and the knowledge of horses, which he retained all his life.

Returning from the army he worked for a time on a dairy farm in New York and later as a railroader out of Boston.

In March 1868 he came west to Grinnell, where he found friends from his home community in New Hampshire. With the same energy and industry which were characteristic of him in later years he at once bought a breaking team and went to breaking prairie. A good deal of the soil in Chester township was first turned over by L. D. Forehand.

He was married on the twentieth of February, 1870, to Mary J. Cocking of Wilton, Clinton county, Iowa, by the Rev. Timothy Brainerd. To this union were born E. D. Forehand of Grinnell, Mrs. Eveline Parsons of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Grace Edith, who died in infancy. In 1875 he bought a farm across the road from the Chester church, the ownership of which he retained until the day of his death. He worked the place for twenty-five years.

His wife died thirty-three years ago. Following her death he lived for a number of years on the old home place with his son E. D. Forehand. For the past twenty years he has resided in Grinnell. He had been failing in health of late and last Sunday while going to the hospital he was overtaken by heart failure and died almost immediately. He is survived by two children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Forehand was a member of the local post of the G. A. R. and found real happiness in his daily association with his friends among the old soldiers. He will be greatly missed in his old familiar haunts. For fifty two years Mr. Forehand has lived among us a hardworking pioneer, a man who lived in pleasant relations with his neighbors, honorable in his business, positive in his position, generous to those he loved.