

Civil War Veteran Dies

~~12-18-1928~~
Robertson Gannaway Passes Away At
Home of Son, Prof. J. W. Gannaway.

FUNERAL SERVICES
WEDNESDAY AT 2:30

Will Be Held From J. W. Gannaway
Home Conducted by Rev. E. M.
Vittum.

At the advanced age of 89 years Robertson Gannaway passed away early Monday morning at the home of his son, Professor J. W. Gannaway where for some months he had been making his home. He had been in failing health for some time and the end was not unexpected although many who had known the hearty old gentleman will be grieved that he has been called away.

Simple funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the J. W. Gannaway home, conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum. Burial will be made in Hazelwood cemetery beside his wife, who preceded him in death.

Robertson Gannaway was born September 11, 1839 at Pleasant Grove, Des Moines County, Iowa and died at Grinnell, Iowa, December 17, 1928. He was the son of John Gannaway and Nancy Zion Gannaway, who came to Iowa from Kentucky. He was the eldest of four children.

His school training was that provided by a typical pioneer school. He loved to read. During the later years of his life, up until the illness began, he spent almost all of his time reading.

As a young man he learned the carpenter trade and spent most of the working years of his life as a carpenter and building contractor. Many buildings in Des Moines county still stand as a memorial to his skill and to the quality of his work.

He was a veteran of the Civil War. He enlisted on August 7, 1862 and was mustered out June 5, 1865. He was a member of Company C, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry. He was at the siege of Vicksburg and with Sherman on the March to the Sea.

On January first, 1868, he was married to Rosa Minard who died at Grinnell, January 24, 1903, and is buried in Hazelwood. To them were born four children, all of whom are living: William C., of Medford, Oregon; Dr. Charles R., of Kings Park, Long Island; Mrs. Hamilton H. Higday, of Seattle, Washington; and John W., of Grinnell.

In 1890 the family moved from Pleasant Grove to Panora, Iowa, in order that the children might have better school opportunities. In 1901 Mr. Gannaway with his wife and two youngest children moved to Grinnell where the home remained until its break-up following Mrs. Gannaway's death in 1903. The later years of his life, Mr. Gannaway spent with his children.

Early in life he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Pleasant Grove. Upon moving to Panora he transferred his membership to the Presbyterian church of that place. He was an upright, faithful Christian man who, in a modest, unassuming, manner lived the principles he professed. He was a conscientious workman and citizen. His influence was always wholesome.