

PIONEER OF MONTEZUMA DEAD.

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Daniel Gorsuch, for Sixty Years a Resident of the County Seat, Dies Saturday.

Daniel L. Gorsuch, an old resident of Montezuma, died Saturday last. Mr. Gorsuch had been a resident of the Montezuma community for sixty years. Previously he had lived in Mahaska county for about fourteen years, and therefore being one of the very oldest settlers in this part of the state. He was born in Ohio in 1837.

DANIEL L. GORSUCH.

Nature seems to have intended that man, in the evening of life, should rest from further labor after an active career which has had its dawn of hope and promise and its noontide of activity and achievement. Such has been the record of Daniel L. Gorsuch, who is now living retired in Montezuma, after many years of earnest toil and well directed effort. Born in Delaware county, Ohio,

on the 22d of March, 1837, he is a son of Joshua and Mary (Bosley) Gorsuch, both natives of Maryland. The parents continued to reside in that state until the late '30s, after which they emigrated to Ohio and thence, in 1844, to Iowa, where the father, a farmer by occupation, located a claim in Mahaska county. There the mother passed away on the 22d of March, 1848, and in the spring of 1856 the father sold his farm and removed to Jackson county, Kansas, where he spent his remaining days. In his family were eight children, as follows: Sarah, the deceased wife of John Morrison; Thomas, also deceased; Mary Ann, who married John Deardorff, and has also passed away; Rebecca, the deceased wife of Pleasant Deardorff; Daniel L., of this review; Dorcus, who married Isaac Nelson, of Kansas; Matilda, the wife of a Mr. Purdy, residing in California; and Charles, who passed away in infancy.

Daniel L. Gorsuch was a little lad of seven years when he came to Iowa with his parents in 1844, at which time Poweshiek county was still a frontier district, where but three or four families had located. He remained on a farm in Mahaska county until the spring of 1856, when he accompanied his father on his removal to Kansas and there made his home for about four years. In the fall of 1860 he arrived in Poweshiek county, locating on a farm in Jackson township, which remained the scene of his activities throughout his connection with agricultural pursuits. This tract, consisting of two hundred acres, is located about a mile from the Mahaska county line and is a well improved property, its neat appearance and high state of development being due in large measure to the efforts of Mr. Gorsuch. He was practical and systematic in the conduct of his affairs, ever adhered to progressive methods and as the years passed by his industry, perseverance and thrift made it possible for him to accumulate a competency which was substantial and creditable. Indeed, he was able to withdraw from active labor in 1908 and on the 25th of December of that year he took up his abode in Montezuma, where he now lives retired. He yet retains possession of his farm, however, the rental from which proves a most gratifying source of revenue.

Mr. Gorsuch was married, on the 30th of May, 1860, in Mahaska county, Iowa, to Miss Mary Jane Murrow, who was born in Parke county, Indiana, on the 8th of August, 1842. She removed to Mahaska county, Iowa, in the fall of 1850 in company with her parents, Benjamin and Sarah (Blue) Murrow, both natives of Kentucky. They were married in the Blue Grass state but removed to Indiana in early pioneer days. Both passed away in Mahaska county, Iowa. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Gorsuch was the youngest. The others were as follows: James R., now deceased; David, who enlisted from Montezuma for service in the Civil war, became a soldier of the Twenty-eighth Iowa Infantry and died during his term of service; Margaret A., the deceased wife of Thomas B. Gorsuch, a brother of our subject; Martha, who passed away at the age of twelve years, her death occurring three days after the family home was established in Iowa; and Thomas A., a resident of Wayne county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gorsuch were born twelve children, namely: Sarah Elizabeth, the wife of James Bangham, of Grinnell; Dwight, who passed away at the age of nine months; Angeline, who married John Tilford, of New Sharon, Iowa; Fred, a resident of Kansas; Edward, who passed away in Feb-

ruary, 1908, leaving a widow and five children: George, of Boone county; John B., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Lily May, the deceased wife of Oliver Kirby, who is survived by two sons; Rose, who passed away at the age of twelve years; Laura, the wife of Frank Butler, residing on Mr. Gorsuch's farm in Jackson township; Clay, yet at home; and one who died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Gorsuch is connected with the Knights of Pythias, being a prominent and well known member of that lodge, and in politics he is a republican, upholding the principles of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He cast his first vote in 1858, while a resident of Jackson county, Kansas, and following his arrival there in 1856 was a witness of much political excitement in that state just prior to the Civil war. Since becoming a citizen of Poweshiek county he has held several township offices but has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term. Starting out in life with no especially favorable advantages, his educational opportunities being limited to those afforded in the little log schoolhouses of that day, Mr. Gorsuch has, nevertheless, worked his way steadily upward in the business world until he is now able to live in honorable retirement as a result of a life of continuous activity, in which the salient elements have been enterprise, perseverance and integrity. He has already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and can look back upon a past which has ever been characterized by honest endeavor and high principles.