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—The many friends of H. C. Gray of Washington twp. were surprised and saddened to learn yesterday of his death Sunday at two o'clock p. m. Mr. Gray had been ill but a few days, having been stricken with pneumonia less than a week before. He was one of our very best men, universally respected and most highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was nearly 71 years old. He was born in Erie Co., Pa., May 30th, 1831, emigrated to Ohio when a boy. He was married March 20, 1856 in Indiana to Almada J. Booth. Since 1884 he has been an active member of the M. E. church. He leaves a most excellent family of three daughters and four sons. The funeral will occur tomorrow at the Blue Point M. E. church at two o'clock p. m., conducted by Elder W. G. Wilson.

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Mr. Harman C. Gray was born in Erie Co., Pa., May 30th, 1831, and died at his home at Blue Point, April 13th, 1902, at the age of 70 years, 9 months, and 13 days.

He was married in the state of Indiana to Almada J. Booth, March 20th, 1856. He enlisted as a private soldier in Co. G, 29th Iowa Infantry at Council Bluffs, Aug. 9th, 1862, and was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in Sept., 1865, having been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

He was converted Feb., 1884, and joined the M. E. church. He was a christian gentleman of much more than ordinary integrity and fidelity. To have met him was to be impressed with his sterling character and worth; to have known him casually was to admire; to have known him more intimately was to love him for his public spiritedness, kindly disposition, and helpfulness. What must it have been to have long years of association with him as neighbor, friend and counselor! Humanity reaps a rich legacy in the life of our departed brother and heaven gains a jewel of rare purity, simplicity, and manly character.

He leaves behind a wife, four sons, Herbert of Butte, Mont., Silas and Alfred of Blue Point, and Bert of Butte, Mont.; three daughters, Mrs. T. B. Vestal of Ewart, Mrs. J. P. Dale, living northeast of Malcom, and Miss Ida at Blue Point.

The remains were interred in the Blue Point M. E. cemetery, Apr. 16, at 3 p. m. His presiding elder, Rev. W. G. Wilson, preached an appropriate sermon from Psalms 116, 15. There were present also Rev. D. F. Stiles of Reasnor, a former pastor, and Rev. F. I. Foage, the present pastor of the Ewart circuit.