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AMOS GREGSON.

Mr. Amos Gregson died at his home near Ewart last Wednesday afternoon Jan. 13, 1904. He had been sick since September, had been confined to his bed about ten weeks, and entirely helpless about six weeks. Rheumatism with a complication of other diseases was the cause of his death. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church in Ewart Friday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jones of Hedrick, the funeral cortege leaving his home at one o'clock.

Amos Gregson was born in Morgan county, Indiana, in 1820, where his father engaged in agricultural pursuits and where he was educated and raised. In 1854 the family moved to Hauffman county, Texas, and followed farming one season, from which place they came to Poweshiek county and located temporarily in Union township where a number of our early settlers had already begun making their homes. In the fall of 1855, Mr. Gregson moved onto the land in Pleasant township where he has ever since made his home.

He was married, December 14, 1856, to Miss Mary E. Harris, the only daughter of the family with whom he was living.

To this union five children were born, three of whom are now living: Mrs. James Myers, of Atlantic, Ia.; Sarah A.; and Eli W.; one daughter and one son having preceded him to the better land.

Mr. Gregson was one of Poweshiek's pioneers and endured many of the hardships attendant upon the early settlement of this country. By frugality and economy he amassed a competence and during the later years of his life spent them in enjoying the fruits of a well regulated life. He was well known and highly esteemed by all his neighbors and friends. At the time of his death Mr. Gregson was the oldest settler in Pleasant township.

Few people serve more years in the army of the Master. He confessed faith in 1846 and united with the Missionary Baptist church, remaining firm in the faith until the last, and although suffering pain beyond description, the last was peaceful, his sun going down without a cloud upon it.

The large concourse of friends which followed the remains to the last resting place, betokens the high respect and esteem in which he was held.

Thus one by one, the early settlers are passing away and in a few short years those who so greatly aided in making this one of the best states in the country will have joined the vast throng in the great beyond.