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Nathan Harrington.

Nathan Harrington was born in Williamstown, Orange Co., Vt., April 18th, 1832, on the farm that his grandfather, Daniel Harrington, cleared of the forest and where his father, Daniel Martin Harrington, was born and died. His mother was Esther Allen Harrington who was a relative of Ethan Allen of Ticondaroga fame also of Gov. Paine, one of the earlier governors, of Vermont. He was the seventh child in a family of twelve children. Like many of the large families of the earlier settlers it was sometimes pretty close times for them financially, and Nathan when but a small boy worked out and his earnings aided materially in caring for the younger members of the family, but he was deprived to some extent of school privileges.

He was married to Mary Fisk Jan. 22nd, 1856, and came west in March following to Illinois, remaining there three years then returning to Vermont where they stayed eight years, came back to Illinois for one and one half years and have been residents of Iowa since then; came to Grinnell in 1872 and lived near here since then. He lived and worked on the farm until his failing health compelled him to give it up. Coming to town to live in quiet but always having in mind the pleasure of farm life, he enjoyed the society and kind attentions of his friends. Suffering not so much from pain as from physical weakness he passed his time in conversation and reading his newspapers and his bible, having read the New Testament through a great many times within a year or two. His greatest fear that he might live to be a helpless burden—he has gone to his rest—preceded two years by his oldest son, A. M. Harrington, and leaving behind his wife, one son, and three daughters who give thanks to the many kind friends for beautiful flowers, tender sympathy and very many kindly services rendered, which will never be forgotten. Mr. Harrington has one brother living in Barre, Vermont, and one in Princeton, Ill. all that remains of the family.

Friends from away are Miss Mary Fisk of Eugene, Oregon, and Mrs. Lena Launder of Garwin, Iowa.