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## W. J. Harris Dies At Long Beach

Will Hill told the Herald this week of the death of his uncle W. J. Harris at Long Beach, Calif. Mr. Hill was named after Will Harris. Mr. Harris was the last member of a family of early settlers near Grinnell. The Harris family drove in a covered wagon from Mercer county, Penn., in the early fifties locating at Birmingham, Iowa. In the spring of 1854 they continued their journey in the covered wagon to this place and located northwest of Grinnell on what is now the Baggs property.

W. J. Harris was a brother of Mrs. R. M. Haines who died nearly two years ago. This was a large, strong family both physically, intellectually, and mentally. The father, Captain Sam Harris was the captain of a "gray beard" company in the civil war and several others served in the same war. W. J. Harris was the youngest boy and the only one who was left at home to work for the family and carry on the farm. He was too young to go. The others all served honorably as did also some of the sons-in-law.

Mr. Harris lived in Grinnell until 1878. With C. L. Robberts and C. E. Myers he moved to Lewis, Iowa, where they engaged in the grain buying business. After he retired he and his family moved to Long Beach, Calif., where they have lived ever since. He leaves several children at his western home. Relatives still living here are his nephew, Will Hill, his niece, Mrs. W. G. Ray, and a grand nephew, Clyde Connelly.