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**John D. Hoover's
Funeral Held Today**

John D. Hoover, one of Grinnell's old and respected citizens, who passed his ninetieth birthday, Sept. 23, passed away Wednesday evening at his home, 1204 Third Ave., after a brief illness.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. W. J. Todd of the Methodist Church, were held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the home. Interment was in Hazelwood.

John D. Hoover, the eldest son of Mary Ann Witters and George W. Hoover, was born Sept. 23, 1834, in Clear Field County, Pa., where he spent his younger days, later moving to Cambary County, where he lived seven years. Moving back to Clear Field county he was married to Mary E. Hurdman, December 15th, 1861 and they lived there until he enlisted in Company C, 76 Pennsylvania Zouaves, August 27th, 1863, serving continuously until honorably discharged from the service, July 18th, 1865, at Raleigh, N. C. He was in a

number of battles, among them the blowing up of the mine at Petersburg. He served under both General Sherman and General Grant, being within the sound of Gen. Sherman's voice at the time of the now famous remark made by Sherman.

In 1867, he, with his family came to Scott county, Iowa, living there one year, then coming to Jasper County, remaining in possession of the old homestead 41 years.

His wife died August 2, 1884, leaving him with seven children, one dying at the age of three months, and a daughter, Mary Dora, at the age of 31 years, leaving now to mourn his death, two sons, three daughters and four sisters. The sons are: William Hoover and J. H. Hoover; the daughters: Mrs. Mina Graham, Mrs. Hattie Emory and Mrs. Lila Sparks; the sisters: Mrs. Eliza Fister, Mrs. Matilda Oshell of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Etta Noel and Mrs. Cella Van Fleet of Minnesota, together with fifteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

He was at the advanced age of 90 years and seven days. When a young man, he was converted and joined the United Brethren Church and remained a member throughout his life.

**REUNION HELD AT THE
J. D. HOOVER HOME**

In Honor of the Eighty-ninth Birthday of Mr. Hoover.

J. D. Hoover celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday September 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoover. This day also was the birthday of Miss Grace Hoover, his granddaughter. The company gathered at about ten thirty bringing well filled baskets with them. Dinner was served at noon. Mr. Hoover enjoyed a visit from his three sisters, Mrs. Matilda Oshell of Bellwood, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Etta Noel, who has been visiting in Pennsylvania for some time and Mrs. Eliza Fister of Grinnell. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hoover and three children, John, Howard and Betty Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Graham and son Earl, Mrs. James Emery and sons Leonard and Deverne, Mrs. Lila Sparks and son DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. George Selle and son Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoover and children, Ward, Esther and Harlan, Mrs. Florence Halterman and daughter Ellen Aileen, all of Grinnell and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brooks and Miss Elsie Graham of Kellogg, and Mrs. Emma Currie of Malcom. Mr. Hoover has five children, fifteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. All enjoyed themselves, and departed at a late hour, wishing for many more reunions with Mr. Hoover.