
 * OBITUARY. *

1-22-1915

William Henry Houghton.

William Henry Houghton was born at Coutsabeville, Lewis County, New York, February 6th, 1835, and died of pneumonia at the home of his daughter, Mrs. I. S. Bailey, Jr., Grinnell, Iowa, January 18th, 1915, thus having reached at his death the age of seventy-nine years, eleven months and twelve days.

In early life he moved to Dunbarton, Oneida County, New York, where he lived until 1857 when he made a trip to the state of Iowa, at which time there were but fifty miles of railroad in the state. He returned to New York state with the idea of bringing his elder brother and family to the then far west, but the Civil War coming on soon after, deferred the trip for the time being.

In 1859 he was married to Jennette Akey and in 1866 he moved with his family to Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, where he lived for two years. At the end of this time he moved to Kirksville, Missouri, and in 1870 he moved to the farm east of Grinnell which is now owned by G. S. Stanley where he resided two years, moving from there to the farm north-west of Grinnell where he resided until a few days before his death.

In the early seventies he and his wife became united by letter with the Methodist Church of Grinnell, which membership he has retained until his death, altho physical infirmities had kept him from taking an active part in public worship during his later years.

His wife to whom he had been married over fifty-one years, preceded him to the better world on February 8th, 1911.

He was next youngest of a large family of which two now survive him. Mrs. Lydia Metcalf, who is now eighty-eight years old, and a brother, James R. Houghton, of Kirksville, Missouri, now seventy-six years of age. He was a kind father and a good neighbor, respected by all that knew him. His three daughters, Mrs. I. S. Bailey, Jr., Mrs. A. A. Foster, both of Grinnell, Mrs. Ray Lockhart, of Kellogg, and one son, John N. Houghton, of Annandale, Minnesota, were all able to be present at the funeral.