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Alfred Howell was born in England, February 4, 1838, and died in Richland township, Jasper county, Iowa, August 23, 1897, after a lingering illness of eight months, aged 59 years, 6 months, 10 days.

The funeral was held in the tabernacle at the Richland school house and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Hoffman, the pastor of the United Brethren church. One hundred and fourteen teams, buggies and wagons, containing about 500 friends and neighbors followed his remains to their last resting place in the Pearce cemetery near Westfield. The following old friends and neighbors acted as pall bearers, Al Frizzell, Geo. Hunter, John Hunter, H. D. Alford, Mr. Parmelee and Mr. Randall.

The deceased came to this country when a young man and was married in Westfield, Iowa, to Mrs. Margrret Rutledge in the year 1865, five children being the result of this union, three of whom have gone before. A son and daughter, Alfred Howell, Jr., and Mrs. Edie Hoover survive him. His wife was buried Sept. 3, 1887, since which time he has lived with his son on the same farm on which he has made his home for 27 years.

He was honored and respected by all who knew him; he always had a kind word for every one; he was especially fond of little children and many a little tot will long remember his kindness; he was a man who gave to the poor and needy—his heart was charitable and his hand gave freely. He was a member of the United Brethren for many years, often making many sacrifices for its benefit. He lived a good life and fought a good fight and was ready when his Master bid him come up higher.

Around his vacant chair many fond memories will cling—memories of all that was good and noble and pure in the life of a good christian man. In the church he will be sadly missed; his loving words, his fervent prayer, his voice in song—all, all will be missed; no more shall we hear him sing "Nearer, My God, to Thee." God has called him home.

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