

ful form of summer recreation.

* DIED. *

W. S. Leisure.

W. S. Leisure, for many years, during the days of his activity one of Grinnell's most enterprising and most helpful men, died early this morning at his home on South Main street. He was 84 years old on November 30 last and for the past year has been in feeble health steadily growing weaker until the end. The funeral will be held from the late residence at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and will be conducted by Rev. P. F. Marston.

Mr. Leisure was a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, serving in the same company with Dan Hayes and C. G. Penfield. He served as postmaster of Grinnell for twenty years prior to the first Cleveland administration. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Laura Leisure Pruden.

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* OBITUARY. *

W. S. Leisure.

W. S. Leisure ended a life which had been identified with Grinnell almost since the time there was a Grinnell last Friday when he passed away at his home on Main street. He was 84 years old last November. His health, impaired during his service in the Union army during the Civil War, had been steadily failing for months and the end was not unexpected.

Mr. Leisure was born in Harrisville Pa., November 24, 1829, and grew to manhood there. He came of good revolutionary stock. His grandfather, a Frenchman, came to this country with Lafayette and fought during the War of Independence. After it was over he settled in Pennsylvania.

In 1852 Mr. Leisure was united in marriage to Ann Jane Cowan, in Harrisville and with his bride came directly to Primrose, Lee county, Iowa, not far from Denmark, where the James Harris family had also settled. The Harris and Leisure farms joined back in the old home in Pennsylvania. They made their home in Primrose for three years. Then the Grinnell colony was settled. Its fame spread until it reached the Harris and Leisure families. They investigated and 59 years ago this month they came to cast in their lot with the new community. Mr. Leisure settled on the corner where he was to live until the day of his death.

In 1860 he united with the Congregational church, establishing a connection which was to endure during all the days of his life. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted as a volunteer in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and served for three and one-half years. During much of the time he was detailed on hospital duty and rendered very valuable and acceptable service in this capacity. After the siege of Vicksburg he made three trips up the Mississippi with boat loads of sick and wounded soldiers, caring for them almost single-handed.

A few years after the close of the war, during President Johnson's administration he was made postmaster

of Grinnell and served faithfully in that capacity until Cleveland's first administration. So much was he liked and so well were the duties of the office performed that but for the change in party administration, he would doubtless have remained postmaster till his death. After that for fourteen years he was city assessor of Grinnell, since which time he has lived in retirement, absorbed in the care of his flowers and enjoying the days of well-earned rest which follow a busy life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leisure were born two daughters, May and Laura, and two pieces of Mr. Leisure were also taken into the home. One daughter, Mrs. Laura Pruden, and one niece, Mrs. Walter E. Brown, survive him. A granddaughter, Mrs. Walter Weaver, and her husband, were present at the funeral.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon from the home. Rev. P. F. Marston conducted the services. The pallbearers were A. C. Harriman, D. S. Morrison, John Hastings, G. H. Hamilton, Frank Child and A. W. Child. Interment was in Hazelwood cemetery.

Few men in Grinnell have enjoyed warmer or more lasting friendships and few have more nearly lived the ideal of a Christian life. Mr. Leisure was one of nature's noble men, true to all that is good and worthy. Grinnell has lost a most desirable citizen.