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PIONEER PASSES

Ernest E. Lincoln Dies After Fifty-seven Years Residence Here.

WAS A NATIVE OF ISLE OF SHEPPY, ENGLAND.

Was Useful And Energetic Pioneer And Helped Build Intelligent Washington Township

Grinnell and Washington township are called upon again to mourn the loss of a pioneer citizen who possessed all the characteristics which have been woven into the life of the west and made it a country of intelligence, thrift and industry.

Mr. Lincoln's ancestry were Quakers and instilled into the children the love of education and thrift for which the denomination is so favorably known. The family came to Washington township when much of the land was still in a wild state, and literally grew up with the township. There has been little of real development in the township in sixty years in which the Lincolns have not taken a vital part, and "Hurd" lived up to the best inheritance of this well known family. Honest to the core, he possessed a frank, outspoken manner which was of great use in developing a spirit of thrift and industry. He was industrious for himself.

He was a faithful public servant and his long service to the City and School Township, showed him to be faithful to public duty, a man of sound judgment and eminently trustworthy. He leaves a worthy family who have prided on the example he gave them.

The community is a loser in his death.

Ernest E. Lincoln, familiarly known as "Hurd" was born December 7, 1849, on the island of Sheppy in the Thames river, 50 miles east of London, England. He was the son of Edward and Amy Lincoln. When but four years old, he came with his parents, three brothers and two sisters to the United States. His parents settled on a farm near Columbus, Ohio, where Ernest grew into boyhood. He was educated in the public schools of Ohio and grew to young manhood, assisting his father on the farm. In 1865 when he was 16 years old the parents and family moved to Iowa. They came over the railroad which at that time extended only as far as Grinnell.

Ernest Lincoln's parents established the family homestead on a farm about eight miles south of Grinnell. Young Ernest assisted with the farm work during the spring and summer months and attended school in the winter.

On December 26, 1876, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Thompson. They made their home in the log cabin on the old homestead with Mr. Lincoln's parents who were at an advanced age. To this union were born eight children, seven boys and one girl, Alexander, Ernest, David, Charles, Susan, John, Frank, and George; all of whom are living with the exception of John, who died in 1908. On the death of his parents he inherited 40 acres of the home farm to which he added 160 acres. Later he disposed of this farm and acquired the acreage in the vicinity of Oak Grove which he held at the time of his death. Ernest Lincoln was a man of energy and determination and it was with that spirit that he met and overcame the disadvantages of the early pioneer days. His home was one of love, culture and high aspiration.

He lived to see his children grow to a mature age and become valued and successful citizens of the community. In November, 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln moved to Grinnell to enjoy life of peace and quiet, so well earned after many years of endeavor. Here the quiet home life was unbroken until last December when Mrs. Lincoln, who had been a loving and faithful helpmate passed away on their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. Lincoln had begun to fail in health shortly before Mrs. Lincoln's death but from that time on he gradually grew worse. He submitted to an operation at the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines in March of this year and several minor operations at the Community Hospital in June; but all medical attention failed to check

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his decline. During the past few weeks he gradually grew weaker and on Friday, July 21, the end came.

He was brought up in the Quaker faith and has always been one of the respected and influential citizen of Washington Township and the vicinity. He was active in local affairs and held most of the township office including trustee and supervisor. He was interested in education and for over 25 years served as a member of the school board in the township. He had an intimate knowledge of the development of Pottawash County and through his genial and jovial character gained many warm friends who for many years have regarded him as one of the most capable and useful members of this community.

Surviving him are his six sons, an only daughter who is now Mrs. B. J. Whitaker. All of them live in the vicinity. Two brothers, Ed Lincoln, Grinnell, and Henry Lincoln of Groveport, Ohio, besides 24 grandchildren, 1 great-grand child and the children of his departed sister, Mrs. George Simmons survive him.

Short funeral services were held at the home at one o'clock Monday and also at Westfield at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. B. Wilson. Interment was made at Westfield cemetery. The pall bearers were the sons of the deceased.

WORTHY LIFE ENDED

Funeral Services for the late Edward Lincoln, Sr., were held Saturday.

ONE OF THE PIONEERS OF OAK GROVE COMMUNITY

Spent 55 Years of His Active Life on His Farm There — Was Culturally Respected.

Edward Lincoln, son of Edward and Amy Menstead Lincoln, was born near Sheerness, Island of Sheppy, County Kent, England, on June 19, 1837. He was the third child in a family of eight children. His two sisters and four of his five brothers have preceded him in death. The one surviving brother, Henry William Lincoln, is still living near Lithopolis, O., a small town not far from the city of Columbus, where the family first settled when they came to America. Edward was sixteen years of age when he left home in England was broken up and he set sail with his parents for the United States. He often spoke of the tiresome and troublous voyage of seven weeks and three days which it required to come. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, the Devonshire, chartered by Prince Albert for the hauling of German immigrants, and was rendered the more depressing and wearisome by an outbreak of Asiatic cholera on board which resulted in more than one hundred passengers being consigned to ocean graves.

Mr. Lincoln lived in Ohio twelve years. He was married there on March 1, 1860, to Elizabeth Christie, a native of Dunoonshire, Scotland, and here three of the sons were born. In 1865 he and his family, with his then aged parents, his youngest brother, E. E. Lincoln, his sister, Mrs. George Simmons, Sr., and her husband and four children removed to Grinnell, Iowa, arriving in April of that year. A short time later he moved to the farm about seven miles south of Grinnell, near Oak Grove in Washington township where he spent the next fifty-five years of his life. During

those early days he and his other relatives endured all the hardships and privations which were the common lot of the pioneers. The farm upon which he settled was nothing but desolate prairie without fenced boundaries, or any mark of human tillage, and with no improvements of any kind. The first home was simply a dugout on the hillside and the first work was that of breaking up the virgin prairie and the hard labor incident to cultivating it and making it yield crops. On the farm the other three children, a daughter and two sons were born, the completed family circle including the oldest of the children, Rev. Robert Lincoln, now living in Grinnell; Edward lives in Westfield neighborhood; Henry W. and John C. in Grinnell.

His faithful wife passed on to enjoy the rewards of a well-spent life on July 22, 1907. One son, Andrew, died while living on the farm, Oct. 10, 1910, and the daughter, Mary, died after the same was removed to Grinnell, on June 24, 1917.

The last seven years of Mr. Lincoln's life were spent in the house in which he died. He was a rugged, hardworking, industrious man, always considering it of great importance to make his promise good and to make good his obligations to his fellowmen. He was converted over forty years ago and united with the Friends church, whose services he thereafter attended faithfully until the infirmities of age deprived him of this privilege and confined him largely to his home. After a very trying illness which he patiently endured, his earthly pilgrimage came to an end on last Thursday afternoon, Sept. 7, 1922, he being at his death 85 years, 2 months and 19 days old.

Few men have been cast in a nobler mold than was Edward Lincoln. He was of the rugged, honest type whose word was a bond of fulfillment, and who regarded his duty to man only as secondary to his duty to God. No nobler heritage could be left to posterity than the pure, earnest and honest life of this rugged Pottawash pioneer. He inspired in his children a paucity of friends and neighbors attend to the good and taught them, in the truest sense the dividing line of truth. He prospered in grandsons, Edward E., Arthur and material things and grew daily, Robert Lincoln. Burial was in Weststronger and clearer in the higher field cemetery.

separations which are the mark of true manhood.

Short services at the home Saturday at ten o'clock were followed by lengthier services at Westfield church at 10:30 conducted by Rev. Edwin Loft, of New Sharon, assisted by Rev. W. W. Woodburn, of Grinnell. A large company of friends and neighbors attended. Bearers were four sons, Robert, Edward, Henry and John, and three grandsons, Edward E., Arthur and Robert Lincoln. Burial was in Westfield cemetery.