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Little, a Grinnell Man of the
Early Days

HE AND MR. HAYS
WERE COMPANY MATES

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Chester Township

Word has been received of the death of one of the men who came to Grinnell in its very early days. Levi W. Little passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at the home of his son in Glendive, Mont. The body was brought to the former home in Ashland, Wis., for burial.

D. F. Hays, of this city, is one of the few men who knew Mr. Little during the time that he lived in Grinnell. What is more, they served together in the same company of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry during the war. Mr. Hays says that he found Mr. Little here when he first moved to Grinnell.

Mr. Little was born at North Monroe, N. H., Sept. 2, 1838, and evidently came to Grinnell in his early manhood. On Sept. 14, 1861, he enlisted in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, Captain Barkell's company and was appointed bugler when he was mustered in. He reenlisted Dec. 14, 1863, when the regiment was veteranized, and soon after was appointed leader of the volunteer regimental brass band, in which capacity he served until mustered out at the close of the war. Mr. Hays remembers him very well indeed from these soldier days, and about 15 years ago enjoyed a visit from him.

Mr. Little was married on Jan. 25, 1866, to Jennie S. Howard, at Springfield, Mass. He had met this young woman while living in Grinnell, and Mr. Hays believes that Jennie Howard was the first public school teacher in Chester township.

The Little family did not return to Grinnell to make their home. Mr. Little was a contractor and builder and for some years after the war was general foreman successively for the Wabash, Rock Island, and Omaha railroads, at Adrian, Mich., Chicago, and Hudson, Wis. Mrs. Little died in Hudson in 1898. In 1904 Mr. Little filed on a homestead near Manning, N. D., and has since passed his summers there. The remainder of the time he has lived with his two sons, Harry Little, of St. Paul, and Frank, of Glendive, Mont., with whom he was when the end came.