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John Henry Ohland died at his residence in Sheridan, Poweshiek county, Iowa, on Monday, June 26, 1899, aged 57 years. Funeral service was conducted at the house by Mr. Franklin Steiner of Des Moines, and the remains were interred at Malcom, followed by the largest funeral gathering that ever assembled in Sheridan.

John Henry Ohland was born in Holstein, Germany, Nov. 16, 1842. In 1864 he married Anna Rehder. By this union were born six children—Marcus, Claus, John, Rosa, Anna, and Henry. All are at home except Marcus, who is married and lives in Chester township. In 1868 Mr. and Mrs. Ohland came to America, settling first at Durant, Iowa. In 1883 they came to Poweshiek county, and ten years ago located in Sheridan. In 1889 Mr. Ohland returned to Germany for an extended visit. On Feb'y 21th, 1898, in company with three others from Grinnell, he started for Alaska, returning home in September following, broken in health, from which he did not recover. Six weeks ago his last sickness set in, and he failed gradually until the last. Ten days before death, having been told by his physician that he could not long survive, he began at once to further prepare for the last journey. He made all arrangements for his funeral and greeted his friends for the last time.

Mr. Ohland was one of the most widely known men in Sheridan, and none knew him but to honor and respect him as a man and a citizen. He was a kind husband and father, a good neighbor in every sense of the word. He termed himself a free thinker, and was a member of the American Secular Union and the Free Thought Federation, and in compliance with his wishes the funeral was held by a personal friend and a leading man of one of these societies, Mr. Steiner of Des Moines. The speaker spoke very highly of Mr. Ohland in every way, and read from a book in Mr. Ohland's own handwriting a declaration of his belief.

No one in Sheridan will be more missed than Mr. Ohland. The esteem in which he was held was shown by the many inquiries made concerning him during his last illness and the large assembly of friends at the funeral. The bearers were W. T. Leins of Grinnell, W. T. Haynes, R. Spire, M. L. Graham, B. B. Martin, and Peter Anderson.