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Deacon George H. Onthank.

On Friday evening, June 5th, while the sun was slowly sinking in the west at the hour of six o'clock, Deacon George H. Onthank fell asleep in Jesus and so passed from the earthly home to be forever with his Lord. He had been ill for six weeks during which time he suffered much and gradually grew weaker until the end came.

Deceased was born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., September 15, 1829, where he spent the years of his early manhood on the farm. At the age of twenty-three he learned the blacksmith trade in his native county. September 7, 1851, he was married to Isabella D. Woods, who survives him. In the spring of 1855 he removed to Marengo, McHenry county, Illinois, where he continued to work at his trade until August 6, 1862, when he enlisted in Company A, Ninety-fifth Illinois volunteer infantry, and on September 4th was mustered into the United States service for three years, where he served with the same faithfulness and fidelity and honor as has characterized his whole life. At Springfield on the seventeenth day of August, 1865, he was mustered out of

the U. S. service and went immediately to Portland, N. Y., where his family were then living. It was in the year 1868 they came to Grinnell and he engaged in business and decided to make this his home where he has continued to live for all these years, surrounded by loved ones and a host of faithful friends. Deacon Onthank was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church nearly sixty years ago. He brought his letter to this church shortly after settling here. He was made a deacon more than thirty years ago, in which office he served most faithfully. He was an earnest Christian, a faithful follower of his Lord in all things. During all these years he has been actively identified with the activities and work of the church. He indeed was a man of whom no one spoke ill. He was a faithful husband, a loving father and a kind neighbor.

He leaves to mourn an irreparable loss a wife, one son and one daughter together with nine grand-children, the entire membership of the First Baptist church of this city and a host of other friends—for Deacon Onthank was respected and beloved by all who knew him.

The funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. J. Arthur Hurley. Interment was at Hazelwood cemetery.

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