

### A PIONEER PASSES

#### Ed Phipps, Early Timer in Rock Creek Buried in Rock Creek Cemetery

Edward Phipps who came to this vicinity in 1871, passed away at Montezuma Monday afternoon. The funeral was held Thursday at the Baptist church in Rock Creek township, conducted by Rev. E. W. Cross.

The following notice was read at the funeral service:

Edward Phipps, son of Eli and Elizabeth Phipps, was born in the mountains of Wayne county, Kentucky, May 7th, 1842.

He was the fourth child of a family of twelve, seven sons and five daughters, five of whom survive him, namely; N. I., Thomas B., John, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Adkins.

The father and mother came from their home in Kentucky and purchased for themselves a farm at the north edge of Rock Creek Grove in 1871. Here they lived with their unmarried children until June, 1882, when the cyclone passed over and caught them. The father was carried from the house and killed by this storm. After the death of the father Edward cared for his mother until her death in 1889.

Edward had no family of his own, but has always had many friends in whom he took great interest. He had purchased land near the old homestead and lived there until his health failed and he felt that he must give up farming and retire. About two years ago he moved to Grinnell and since then he has been under the doctor's care for the greater part of the time.

Edward was a straight-forward and kind-hearted man and always ready to help the other fellow.

The church in which we are met today was the church of his choice and his friends lay his body to rest beside his father and mother to whom he devoted all of the earlier part of his life.

He was overtaken by pneumonia a week ago and died at the county hospital at ten o'clock on Monday night of this week at the age of seventy-nine years and ten months.