

1-31- JESSE RATCLIFF 1905

Jesse Ratcliff, son of Wm. and Sarah Ratcliff, was born the second month and twenty-ninth day 1832, near Flushing, Belmont Co., Ohio. He was married to Elizabeth Ratcliff the twenty-

ninth day of the fourth month 1857. To this union were born five children, four of whom with the wife survive him. He came to Iowa in 1863, settling in Sugar Creek neighborhood, Poweshiek Co., near the Friends church where he has since lived. He was a member of that denomination all his life, faithfully filling many places of trust, being an Elder at his death and was ever ready to help in any good cause.

He peacefully fell asleep in Jesus the twenty-fifth day of the first month 1905 at the home of his daughter, Ella Williams. Short services were held at the home followed by services at the church, conducted by Rev. Robert Lincoln assisted by Rev. William Robertson.

In yonder throng around the throne
With psalms and songs of praise.
Faith seems to see the form of one
We knew in former days.
No mark of sorrow is on his brow
No tears to dim the way
For God has banished every fear
And peace hath perfect sway.

ROBERT LINCOLN.