

DAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1921

GILMORE ROBBINS DIES

One of Poweshiek County's Good Men
Recently Answered the Call of
Death

HAD LIVED IN THIS
COUNTY SINCE 1883

Was One of Chester Townships Res-
pected and Influential
1-24-1921 Farmers

Gilmore Robbins, one of the respect-
ed residents of this county since 1883,
who passed away Tuesday, January
24, on the home farm four miles north-
west of Grinnell, was born in West-
moreland county, Pennsylvania, March
4, 1832. He attended the country
schools, where he received his only
education that came from books. He
stayed in Pennsylvania long enough
to cast his first vote but while he was
still twenty-one years of age he moved
to Illinois, living for a year in Rock
Island county and then moving to
Mercer county, where he was to make
his home until the spring of 1883.

He bought a farm of 160 acres four-
teen miles south-east across the river
from Muscatine and lived the life of
a prosperous and progressive farmer.

While still a resident of Rock Island
county he was married in St. Joe
county, Michigan, to Lucinda Jane
Robbins, a distant cousin whom he
met while she was visiting in Illinois.
Mrs. Robbins died a few years later
leaving two small children, Moses and
William Robbins.

Mr. Robbins did not marry again
and devoted unremitting time and care
to the rearing of his little family.

About 1870 Mr. Robbins made his
first trip to Iowa and bought 160
acres which is now half of the home
farm. He bought the second 160
later. He drove out with a team and
hauled the lumber from the infant rail-
road to build the first stable and
house, living in the stable while the
house was going up. A few years
later, about 1877, his son, Mose, came
out to go on the new farm. He was
followed five years later by his bro-
ther, William, and a year later Mr.
Robbins came out to join his boys.

The family home has been on the
same place ever since. Mr. Robbins
was from the first one of the influen-
tial and respected citizens of that com-
munity of good people, Chester town-
ship. His fellow citizens showed
their confidence by electing him town-
ship trustee on several occasions.
He watched the country develop from
the small beginnings until it blos-
somed like the rose. He had reached
the advanced age of 88 years when he
answered the call of death. If he had
lived until March 4 he would have
passed his eighty-ninth birthday.

He is survived by his son, William,
Mose Robbins having died last Novem-
ber.

His life was one of industry and
patient endeavor, crowned by success
and competence in the closing years.
He was one of the men who have built
this state and have made it great. All
honor him and rejoice that for so
many years he was privileged to live
and see the prosperity which he had
helped to create.