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HORACE C. SAUNDERS. G-11

The body of Horace C. Saunders, who died on Wednesday of last week in Nevada, Missouri, was brought to Grinnell on Sunday for burial in Hazelwood cemetery beside the body of his wife. Rev. N. J. Peterson conducted services at the grave. He was buried on what would have been his seventy-ninth birthday if he had lived.

Horace C. Saunders was born in Hughesville, Pa., on February 7, 1841, and died on February 4, 1920, of bronchial pneumonia, after an illness of only a week. He spent his youth and early manhood in Pennsylvania, and at the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in the 106th Pennsylvania Infantry. Later he was mustered out but enlisted again in an Illinois regiment. After the war he crossed the plains to Montana, where he remained for a year and then came to Grinnell, where he made his home during the years 1867 and 1868, following his trade of blacksmith. During his residence here he was married to Miss Sarah Earl, a sister of Mrs. B. A. Stowe, of this city.

In 1869 Mr. Saunders moved to Anita, where he made his home until 1903, and then moved his family to Missouri, where he has spent his declining years with his children. During his residence in Anita Mrs. Saunders passed away.

He is survived by three children, T. H. Saunders and R. E. Saunders, of Nevada, Mo., and Mrs. Julia Pettit, of Billings, Mont. His daughter and his son R. E. Saunders were with him at the end, but the other son was in California and was unable to reach home in time. However, he and Mrs. Pettit came to Grinnell with the body, R. E. Saunders being kept at home by sickness. The two children started on the return to their homes this morning after a brief visit at the Stowe home.

The funeral services in Nevada were in charge of the G. A. R., of which Mr. Saunders was an active member.

Mr. Saunders was a man of intelligence and high character; a man who made friends and kept them. He was loved in his home and respected by those with whom he came in contact.