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OBITUARY
William E. Stilwell

William E. Stilwell was born in Indiana, May 3, 1841, and passed into the great beyond at his home in Sugar Creek township, Poweshiek county, Ia., June 22, 1918, aged 77 years, 1 month and 19 days. He was married to Margaret Powers, February, 1867. To this union were born five children, three boys and two girls, one girl having preceded him in death two years. The aged companion, together with four children, John A., Robert, Elias and Mrs. Ada Hamilton, are left to mourn the loss of a husband and parent. He also leaves out of a family of thirteen brothers and sisters, just two brothers, Gideon Stilwell of New Sharon, and John Stilwell of Ord, Neb.

William E. Stilwell was one of the pioneers of this county, having come here as a boy with his parents. He

was one of our most public spirited and progressive citizens, always ready with a generous hand to help out with anything that was for the betterment of the community.

He united with the Methodist church when quite a young man, having offered his first public prayer at the age of 12. He began his public work as a minister of the gospel early in life and has been more or less active in the work until called to his reward. Thus, while the aged wife and children have lost a kind and loving husband and father, the church and community at large have lost a wise and honored Christian man. He fought the good fight—he kept the faith.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. W. B. Wilson, was at the home, Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, and the body was buried in West Liberty cemetery.