

Useful Life Of ^{G-H} J. N. Stuart Over ¹²⁻²⁷⁻²⁹

Jasper Newton Stuart, son of Richard Hall and Jane Collins Stuart was born at Versailles, Indiana, July 10, 1840. There he grew to manhood attending the public schools and Morris Hill College, earning his own way at the latter place.

On July 12, 1860 he was united in marriage with Prudence Isabel Muir who preceded him in death two years ago.

To this union were born eight children: Alfred Harvey, Charlotte Juliet Gray, William Hall, George Thomas, Ray, Charles Gilbert, James Frederick and Percy Ernest. Three of the sons have gone before the father, George, James and Ray. There are four grandchildren: Virgil Stuart of Toledo, Ohio; Isabel of Grinnell and Margaret and Bobby of Nashua. The sons and daughter living in this vicinity and W. H. of Grinnell and Percy of Nashua and grandchildren Virgil and Isabel were present at the funeral services.

At the outbreak of the Civil War when Lincoln called for volunteers, J. N. Stuart was one of the first to respond, being a member of Co. D Thirty-seventh Indiana volunteers. He was mustered out Oct. 27, 1864 and returned to his home broken in health but never in spirit.

In the spring of 1866 he came with his wife and family to Kellogg where he has made his home in the vicinity and town. In his early life he was a teacher but later turned his attention to farming to which he gave his undivided attention until he retired about twenty years ago.

He was very much interested in education and was instrumental in organizing the Independent District of Kellogg and served as one of its first directors also being a member of the Board of Education in later years. He was a charter member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Kellogg. Was made a Mason more than thirty-three years ago.

He was converted in his early youth but did not unite with any church until about thirty years ago when he became a member of the Christian

church of this place. He was a Sunday School teacher for years. He was a Bible student all his life and never tired of discussing with his family and friends the vital questions of the day, religious, political or local. He read his daily paper and different periodicals every day until stricken with his fatal illness.

His interest in the World War and events following and his great desire for World Peace were intense, and he was greatly troubled that no more has been accomplished in that direction.

On Friday morning, December 10, his fatal illness came upon him and all that medical skill and the loving care of his children could do, could not keep him and he has gone to his long home to meet his loved ones gone before and to enjoy the peace and rest prepared for God's children. He said to his children as they cared for him—"Death has no terrors for me. I have lived long enough. You must be brave."

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Lowe a former pastor, and Rev. E. G. Williams, both of Des Moines, at the Christian church. Mrs. Burton Morris and Mrs. I. H. Hoppers sang, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Face to Face." Mrs. Mark Shaw at the close of the service sang "Asleep in Jesus." The ever impressive Masonic burial service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Williams. The young men of the Legion for whom Mr. Stuart had a great sympathy and friendliness, carried the flag he loved, fired the last salute and sounded taps for this noble old soldier, gone "where all sorrow, parting, pain and care, and time and death shall disappear."

The pall bearers were Dr. Drown, F. V. Morgan, Chas. T. Powers, C. W. Woodward, C. R. Moberly and R. Birchard.

We cannot say and we will not say
That he is dead; He is just away,
With a cheery smile and a wave of
the hand
He has wandered into an unknown
land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers
there.

He is not dead; He is just away.
—Kellogg Enterprise.