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Ira G. Swain.

Another old and respected citizen of Chester and Grinnell has passed away. Another old land-mark has been removed. For more than fifty years Ira G. Swain has lived in Iowa and might be well called one of her pioneers.

He was born near Chatham, in Morris county, N. J., July 13, 1833, and died at his home in Grinnell, Iowa, September 30, 1909.

February 11, 1856, he was united in marriage to Fannie W. Winans. To them were born five sons and two daughters. Three sons died in infancy. Those living are: Mrs. A. E. Fuller of Pottawatomie county, George Swain of Grinnell, Mrs. Henry Stahl of Chester township, and Edward Swain, of Grinnell. All were present at the funeral. His only sister, Mrs. Susan Walton, of Muscatine, Iowa, was also present.

Mr. Swain first settled in Scott county. In 1884 he moved to Poweshiek county and settled in Chester township where he improved one of the best farms in the township.

Having always been a hard working man he found the farm work too heavy for his declining years, and decided to move to Grinnell, and for the past 7 years made Grinnell his home.

For several years his health had not been good, but none thought the end so near. On Thursday morning he became ill and about 8 o'clock that evening he passed away.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Grinnell by Rev. H. L. Wissler, of Chester, and the body was laid to rest at Durant, Iowa.