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Courtland Mitchell Thomds.

Courtland Mitchell Thomas died at his home, 1309 Main street, on Friday evening last, after a short illness following a stroke of paralysis some weeks ago. He was nearly 66 years of age, having been born near Madison, Ind., in August, 1847. His parents moved to New Sharon in 1851 and he lived in that vicinity until he joined the Fourth Iowa Cavalry in February, 1863. After serving nearly nineteen months in the army he returned to New Sharon and in February, 1872, he married Rachel Jane Craver and moved to Kansas where he took up a homestead near Newton, where they lived for twelve years. They then returned to a farm near New Sharon, where they have lived until three years ago, when he bought a residence and moved to this city. He is the father of six children. The only son, George C. Thomas, died at the age of 22 years. The five daughters are living and were present at the funeral services at the home at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. They are Mrs. T. A. Watson and Mrs. James W. Allen, of New Sharon; Mrs. P. S. Brannan, Mrs. Charles Downey, and Miss Lela M. Thomas, of Grinnell. Rev. J. M. Brown, pastor of the Methodist church, had charge of the funeral services. Deceased was a highly respected member of the G. A. R. post here and the members turned out to the funeral and helped to bear the body of their late comrade.