

4-15 ⁶⁻¹⁸ HENRY A. WATTERS. 1904

Henry A. Watters was born in Hartford county, Md., Oct. 12, 1818, and died suddenly of paralysis, April 10, 1904, at the home of his daughter in Des Moines, Iowa. When he was four years old his parents emigrated to Belmont county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. March 23, 1842, he was married to Katharine Kemp. In 1853 he moved to Cedar County, Iowa. Two years after, his wife passed to her heavenly home leaving him with six small children. March 1st, 1861, he was married to Josephine Hazelet. She passed to her Heavenly home July 4th, 1896, leaving one child, now Mrs. Prall.

Six children are left to mourn their loss, Lewis K. of Grinnell, Iowa, Sarah M. Griffith of Fontanelle, Iowa, Rev. Dennis A., presiding elder of Salem District Oregon Conference, John W. of Santa Cruz, California, Dr. P. K. of Watsonville, California, and Emma L. Prall of Des Moines, Iowa, George W. having preceded him to the better world eight years.

Nearly all his life was spent on the farm and he managed his farm until he was 75 years old. He sold his farm and moved to Grinnell, Iowa, where he lived for several years. He was a man of strict integrity. The slightest deviation from the truth brought a reproof from him. His word was as good as his bond. He never used tobacco, never drank a glass of beer and had not tasted intoxicants as a beverage since he was seventeen years of age. Sympathetic and charitable, a member of the M. E. Church since early manhood and a direct descendant of the Rev. Wm. Watters, the first American born Methodist minister. He was a republican in politics.

He took great interest in the colored race and nearly all his contributions to the missionary cause were given for their advancement.

Short services were held in Des Moines Tuesday morning, after which the body was taken to Grinnell where the services were held in the M. E. Church conducted by Rev. J. W. Hackley of Newton, a former pastor and an old friend of the family. Many beautiful flowers were contributed by friends. Hymns sung—"A charge to Keep I have," (a favorite hymn of his) "One sweetly solemn thought," and "Nearer my God to thee." The pallbearers were Messrs. Cravath, Newton, Andrews, Shifflett, Chapin and Bortell, old neighbors of the deceased.

He was laid away in beautiful Hazelton by the side of his wife and son who died eight years ago. He was the last of his father's family.

His children at the last rites were L. K. and his two daughters. The sons on the Pacific coast were unable to attend. He has left an example which his children and grandchildren may be proud to follow.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us in our recent bereavement—the death of our father.

L. K. WATTERS.
SARAH M. GRIFFITH.
EMMA L. PRALL.