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John F. Whitmore.

John F. Whitmore passed away at his home at 1409 Park street, Grinnell, Iowa, on June 24th, 1908. He was born at Windsor, Ohio, Sept. 5th, 1856.

He was married to Ida Robinson at Anita, Iowa, on Nov. 24, 1887.

Mr. Whitmore was a christian from childhood and became a member of the Congregational church while a young boy.

Some twenty years ago he came to reside among us. His quiet manliness and absolute integrity soon won the confidence of all who became acquainted with him. His word was accepted as his sincere and candid expression of his thought. We believed that he would never change a word to promote his own interest. He earnestly desired to know christian duty and to discharge it. If he failed to discover any truth or any duty we are confident that it was only because of human infirmity and not from any defect in christian purpose.

We are assured he has been welcomed among the angels, into fullest life with the Master.

There survives Mr. Whitmore his wife and three sons, Ray, Alfred and Floyd, and his mother, four brothers and one sister.

His wife and sons and sister were the relatives present at his funeral, which was held at his home at 1409 Park street. He was laid to rest in Hazelwood cemetery.

Mr. Whitmore's father, Rev. Alfred A. Whitmore, was a Congregational minister for many years. He graduated in theology in 1846 at Oberlin, and articles from his pen often appeared in the Oberlin Evangelist. Through those I became acquainted with him sixty years ago. After forty years of successful pastorates in Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa—his heart ceased to beat, while he was preaching at Anita, Iowa, August 8, 1886.

L. F. P.