

## Obituary of Hosea W. Atwood

Hosea W. Atwood was born in Susquehanna county Penn., July 2, 1837. Died at his home near Collins, Iowa, March 9, 1909.

He came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Atwood to Sycamore, Ill., in 1851 when but fourteen years of age. He was the fifth in order of birth of a family of nine children. He grew to manhood in Sycamore, Ill., where he enlisted in the army in April 1862. He was first Lieut. and for bravery in the field was promoted to Captain of Co. F 65th Ill. Inf. Was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry and remained a prisoner about fourteen months. After his release he returned to his regiment and served till the close of the war.

He was united in marriage at Beloit, Wis., Nov. 15, 1865, to Miss Martha Stark of Sycamore, Ill. The following spring they moved to Nebraska and resided there nearly two years, then moving back to Sycamore, where he was city marshal for seven years. They moved from Sycamore to near Collins, Iowa, in 1883, where he continued to reside until his death.

To Mr. and Mrs. Atwood were born six children: Richard M. and John O. of Mingo, Iowa; Henry J. of DeKalb, Ill.; Stark of Collins, Iowa; Mrs. E. J. Landfors of Des Moines, Iowa; and Morris G., who resides on the home farm; also ten grandchildren all of whom, with his wife, survive. He also leaves one brother and three sisters.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon in the M. E. church, which was crowded to the door. Rev. C. E. Burton of Dawson, formerly of Collins and a ~~personal~~ friend of the deceased, presided and preached a tender and sympathetic sermon in which he referred to the deceased as a loving father and a brave soldier of his country in her time of peril, and speaking of his own father's death when the conditions were similar. Rev. Burton was assisted in the exercises by Rev. H. A. Hayes of Collins.

An efficient chorus choir sang the hymns and Jas. G. Gingles sang a solo "In the Upper Garden." All the selections were given with touching sympathy and all were by request of the bereaved wife, Mrs. Atwood. Beautiful floral tributes were abundant.

The I. O. O. F. closed the service at the church with the funeral ritualistic exercises of the order, led by W. H. Thompson and W. T. B. Shenkle.

The interment was at Evergreen Cemetery, where the G. A. R. conducted their burial exercises with great impressiveness. The choir sang a tender selection and the "earthly house" of the gallant comrade was consigned "earth to earth; dust to dust."

Capt. Atwood was one of Nature's noblemen, a brave soldier, a good citizen, devoted husband and loving father, a true friend and ever faithful to his fraternal relations.

All the members of deceased's family were present at the funeral, also the brother of deceased, C. P. Atwood of Anamosa, Iowa, his oldest sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Mitchell of Sycamore,

Ill.; his niece, Mrs. Cora Tadd of DeKalb, Ill.; Mrs. Atwood's three brothers, Harmon Stark, with wife, of Kingston, Ill.; Henry J. and Thera Stark of Sycamore, Ill.; and Mrs. Stark's sisters, Mrs. Ella Brower and Mrs. Hattie Lee of Sycamore, Ill.