

Obituary.

Harmon Clapper was born in Wayne county, Ohio, Feb. 13, 1821.

He was married to Catherine Harsh in September 1848, near Orville, Ohio.

The first two years of their married life was passed in Ohio. They moved to Allen county, Indiana, in 1850.

In 1859 they moved to Clear Creek township, Jasper county, Iowa, the present home.

Harmon and Mrs. Clapper continued to reside on the farm till 1892, when they moved to their town property in Collins, Story county, Iowa, and lived there until a year ago, when they returned to the farm, where he died Tuesday, January 7th, 1902, aged nearly 81 years. His death was the result of rheumatism of the bowels, which affected him since last August.

To them were born four children. One died when six months old, in Indiana. Those living are Mrs. Eva Warren, A. B. Clapper of Leavitt, Neb., and W. M. Clapper of Oklahoma City.

Deceased is survived by his devoted wife, the partner of his joys for more than fifty-three years. Her loving care for him, notwithstanding her age and infirmities, never faltered until death parted them.

Mr. Clapper was a consistent member of the Universalist church for nearly half a century.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church, Collins, today at 1 p. m. The service was conducted by Rev. Payne, of Nevada, an old and fast friend of the departed.

The church was crowded with people, old neighbors and friends of the deceased. The floral decorations were beautiful. Friends in Mitchellville sent a floral tribute.

The choir was large and representative of the three churches of the city. The music was very appropriate. The closing numbers were "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Home Sweet Home," the solos of which were played by Dr. Knepper on the violin.

Rev. J. R. McKaig of the M. P. church and Rev. W. V. Wills of the U. B. church assisted in the service. Rev. Payne of Nevada preached the sermon and paid a just tribute of praise for the life work of the departed, who was one of those who helped make the great State of Iowa what it is today.

The interment was in Collins cemetery, where the earthly form of Father Clapper was tenderly laid to rest.

Along with the many friends of the deceased we tender our sympathies to the bereft wife, daughter, sons and grandchildren, who mourn the absence of one whose noble life and genial presence they will always remember with love and veneration.

The editor of the CLIPPER has known Father Clapper as a neighbor and a friend. In the words of the poet—"he was an honest man, the noblest work of God."

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