

Crocker, Daniel

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Obituary of Daniel Crocker

Daniel Crocker was born in Chippewa township, Wayne county, Ohio, on Jan. 4, 1838. He was married in Wayne county to Sarah Johnson on March 9, 1862. To them were born two children, both having died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Crocker moved to Iowa in April 1863 and resided in Jasper county until moving to Collins last spring, with the exception of five years spent in Des Moines.

Bro. Crocker confessed Christ in the old Greenside schoolhouse in a meeting held by Allen Hickey and Grandpa Wilson and was baptized in Clear Creek, Jasper county. He

worked for a time with the Church of Christ in Clyde, but when the church was organized at Maxwell in 1890, he became one of its charter members and one of its elders, and served on the building committee. He remained with the church at Maxwell until the church at Collins was organized, when he became one of its charter members and served as elder and trustee until his death.

He was one of the largest contributors in the churches where he has worked and has also helped in building churches in other places.

He was called to his rest and reward on Feb. 2, 1915 after ten days illness of pneumonia.

The funeral service was held in the Christian Church Friday Feb. 5, the pastor, Rev. Albert V. Hart, officiating. He used, as a basis for the sermon, Phil. I: 20 21, "Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." The preacher gave a just and eloquent tribute to the long and ideal life of the departed, who lived the embodiment of the scriptural injunction, "Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

Besides his wife, who is ill with pneumonia, he leaves three brothers, two in Ohio and one in California.

The pall bearers were six members of the official board of the church: E. E. Jones, Walter Holmes, Frank Day, Ode Morell, T. H. Morrison and

O. B. Patterson. The remainder of the board together with the Men's Bible Class of which Bro. Crocker was a member, marched in a body to the church.

The full choir which Bro. Crocker loved so much to hear, sang appropriate songs. The floral tributes were of exceptional beauty and richness, among them being a wreath from the Church and Sunday School. The church was filled with a congregation, met to pay their homage to the deceased as a valued neighbor and christian friend, and to extend their sympathy to the bereaved wife and brothers.

The interment was at the Ashton Cemetery.

Among those from a distance at the funeral were the two nieces of Mrs. Crocker: Mrs. Wm. Saddler of Ira and Mrs. Wright of Cedar Falls.

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