

Franklin, E. L. d. 12-03-1910

### Obituary of E. L. Franklin

Edmund L. Franklin was born in McMinn county, Tenn., Dec. 28, 1831, and died at his old home place, west of Collins, Iowa, Dec. 3, 1910, age 78 years, 11 months, 4 days. He came to Cedar County, Iowa, in the year 1855 and went overland across the plains to California in 1859. He returned to Cedar county in 1860, and enlisted in the U. S. service Augt. 15, 1861, in the 13th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Company F, in which he served four years.

He was married to Amanda Robinson in Cedar County, April 7, 1865. To this union was born seven children, two girls and five boys, as follows: Lucy A., Ira, Ben, Lawrence, James, A. J. and Dollie, all of whom are living except the two girls. Dollie departed March 2, 1882, at the age of 1 year, 2 months, 6 days. Lucy Franklin Melton departed Jan. 20, 1906, age 39 years, 6 months, 26 days.

After his marriage deceased lived four years in Jones county, one year in Cedar county, moved to Story county with his family in the summer of 1871, to the home place west of Collins, where he remained until his death.

The funeral was held at the Christian church Monday afternoon. Rev. S. M. Zike, pastor of the U. B. churches, conducted the exercises and preached a strong and sympathetic sermon, in which he showed that a man who like the deceased, had been faithful to his home and his country deserved the plaudits due a hero. He had lived a good, noble life as a soldier, citizen, husband and father and in the fullness of years left his country benefited. It was natural to honor such a man. His task was over, his end was peaceful, and he entered into the rewards of the good and faithful servant.

A fine chorus choir sang appropriate selections with true pathos and the organist rendered beautiful melodies as the congregation walked solemnly past the casket.

The interment was in the Collins Cemetery. The pall bearers were S. B. Stevens, E. W. Shearer, J. E. Dickson, P. A. Kitchell, Francis Bence and John Wells, all soldier veterans like the deceased.

The G. A. R. members' ritual at grave and appropriate and patriotic remarks by Comrade Kitchell closed the exercises.

Mr. Franklin was known to most of our readers. He was an old settler in this community where he was loved and revered. All our people deeply sympathize with the bereaved widow and family in their irreparable loss.

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