

Harper, William J.

d. 2-01-1914

Mr. William J. Harper was born Nov. 1st 1834; died Feb. 1st, 1914; at the home of his daughter Mrs. Emma Jackson in Omaha, Neb., after an illness of three and one half months, caused by an injury from falling down stairs. He being in the eightieth year of his age could not stand the shock.

The deceased was first married to Celia Hale. To that union were born five children, all of whom are living. She departed this life Apr. 17, 1864. He later married Sarah Jane Warrell. To them were born nine children. She departed this life May 14, 1899, leaving with her husband six children to mourn their loss. Their son George died August 12, 1902.

Mrs. Sophia Crabb was called to Omaha to help care for her father, she being with him the last five weeks of his illness. Mrs. L. D. Ozmun of Oklahoma City, Okl., came to help care for her father, but he passed away but a few hours before she arrived. After his long suffering, during which time he received constant care, he closed his eyes in death and passed away peacefully. He leaves, to mourn their loss, ten children.

Mrs. Ozmun and Mrs. Crabb accompanied the body to Collins to be buried beside that of his wife and children who preceded him to the home beyond.

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The above obituary was read by the officiating minister, Rev. F. McGlumphry at the funeral service in the M. E. church of Collins yesterday afternoon.

The church was well filled with an audience composed largely of old neighbors and friends of deceased who came to pay their respects to an old settler and pioneer. The floral tributes were beautiful.

The choir was very effective, rendering the favorite hymns with tender feeling. Rev. McGlumphry's sermon was appropriate for the solemn meeting.

Deceased was one of the best known men in Jasper and Story Counties. He was genial and hospitable, carrying in his bearing till the last the

kindly spirit of the early settlers of Central Iowa. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of our people in town and country.

The interment was at Evergreen Cemetery. The pall bearers were Francis Bence, A. S. McCord, Chas. Todhunter, Jeff Morrison, John Thompson and J. E. Dickson.

Those attending the funeral from a distance were his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Ozmun of Oklahoma City, Okl., his son Jake Harper of Colfax, Iowa, his son Richard Harper of Rhodes, grandsons Floyd and Clarence Hard of Newton, grandsons Lionel and Clifford Harper of Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Shope of Nevada, Mr. and Mrs. George Tomlinson of Bondurant, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Veneman of Maxwell and Mr. Prank Skinner of Cedar Rapids.