

LOOKING BACK

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W.H. Stipp died at Marshalltown Pioneer of State Center Succumbs to ailments of old age Friday morning

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W.H. Stipp, retired grain dealer and elevator owner who was actively engaged in business in this county for forty-five years, died at 8 o'clock Friday morning at his home, 409 North Fourth Street, Marshalltown, of ailments of age, following an illness of six months. Mr. Stipp was 81 years old. Mr. Stipp's principal grain business was for years at State Center, where at one time he was president of the State Center Land Company, that owned much land in North Dakota. He built the elevator and hotel here, and was also at one time mayor the town. Later Mr. Stipp became president of the St. Anthony Savings Bank, and was also engaged in the grain business there. He moved to Marshalltown eighteen years ago.

Mr. Stipp was born in Wawnesville, near Springfield, Ill., June 15, 1842. He was reared on the farm, was educated in the public schools, and was graduated from Eastman's Business College, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. At the outbreak of the civil war Mr. Stipp enlisted in April, 1861, in Captain Carr's company, Illinois Volunteer infantry, at Sandwich, Ill. These were the first troops to pass thru Chicago for the front. He first enlisted for three months later re-enlisted for three years and finally re-enlisted for the duration of the war, all in the same regiment. He served in campaigns in the west under Sherman and Grant, was slightly wounded at Aversboro, Ga., and was appointed ordinance sergeant of his regiment in the Atlanta campaign.

Mr. Stipp came to State Center after the close of the war. He was married twice, his first wife being Harriet E. Vulver, of this county Dec. 8, 1869. One son was born to them, Harley H. Stipp, now a prominent attorney of Des Moines. His second marriage was to Clara E. Hollenbeck, also of this county, May 27, 1884. Three children were born of this marriage, two of whom, a boy and girl, died in infancy. The other, W. Leland Stipp, is now a salesman living in Dubuque.

Mrs. Stipp died Feb. 13, 1922, at Oskaloosa, where she had gone for treatment for artelial sclerosis.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church in this city at 3:30 Sunday afternoon in charge of Rev. J.A. Laurie, of Marshalltown, assisted by Rev. G.C. Albright. The pallbearers were I.J. McMahan, W.E. Watson, E.E. Benson, Wilbur Carpenter, and F.L. Dobbin, and George Gregory, of Marshalltown. Flowers were cared for by Mrs. J.L. McMahan and Mrs. Emily West. Burial was in Hillside cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Stipp.

Those attending from a distance were E.D. Perry, Robert Bannister, Vincent Staringer, Mr. and Mrs. Harley H. Stipp, Mrs. Lida Bowen and Clifford Bowen, all of Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Fay, Nevada, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stipp, Dubuque.