

A Long Life Ended.

Captain John Smith has gone to his rest. He died at Elmore Smith's on Saturday morning early Sept. 22. He had been failing for some time but still was unusually smart for a man of his age. He passed away at last apparently in sleep.

John Smith was born in Kent, Litchfield Co. Conn. Sept. 2, 1795 making his age at his death 93 years and some 20 days. 60 years of his life was spent in Conn. as a farmer and for some time a captain of militia. In the spring of 1856 he removed with his family to Bremer Co. Ia. and soon after to Chickasaw Co. where for many years he has been well known as a good neighbor and a christian man.

He joined the Congregational church of Kent Conn. when about nineteen years of age and has been of that faith throughout life, being a member of the Congregational church at Bradford at the time of his death. He exhibited a strong attachment for this church and a strong conviction of the truth of christianity.

He leaves five sons and three daughters to survive him. The sons Walter, Leander and Elmore are well known here while Swift B. of Fairfield, Iowa and Marcus of Litchfield, Conn. complete the number of living sons. The former four were present to consign their father to the grave.

The daughters are Mrs. Orphie Harmon whose husband is a Baptist minister of St. Lawrence Co. New York Mrs. Charlotte Vail of Cornwall, Conn. and Mrs. Hattie Hart of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Many grandchildren and other relatives mourn his loss.

The burial was at Greenwood cemetery, Rev. N. L. Packard conducting the services at the house and at the grave.

Very few indeed live to such an age as the deceased. Not only does the age of great grandchildren (some 21 years) show the long life of the deceased but the wonderful changes wrought during his life. George Washington was President of the U. S. at the time of his birth. The Mexican War took place when he was 50 and the Civil War when he 70. The wonderful development of the national resources, inventions, etc. during his life suggest something of its length and eventful character. Probably no man before his day saw such changes and it is not likely that any other will see such in times to come during the history of our nation. It is a comfort to surviving friends to feel that he has gone to his eternal rest.