

# SUDDEN PASSING OF PIONEER CITIZEN.

## Old Soldier Goes to His Last Resting Place after Brief Illness.

### DEATH IS GREAT SURPRISE TO COMMUNITY.

John Shields was born in Wayne Co. New York April 25, 1835 and passed away at his home in Nashua Jan. 22, 1915, at the age of 79 years, 8 months and 28 days.

At the age of seven he moved with his parents to Bradford Co. Pennsylvania, where he lived until twelve years old.

In 1847 the family moved to Rock Co. Wisconsin and settled on a farm near Janesville. On August 26, 1864, he enlisted in Co. D 43d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and served until June 24 1865 when he was honorably discharged from the service. During his army service he was attached to the Western army regiment being stationed at various points in Tennessee and Alabama. After his discharge at Nashville, Tenn., he returned to Wisconsin and later in the same year came to Iowa, locating in 1866 on a farm near Plainfield which remained his home until Dec 1909 when moved to Nashua.

On March 15, 1877 he was united in marriage to Lois Amelia Arnold. To them were born two children John E. and Jessie, both of Nashua. He is also survived by one brother and two grand children. His wife, four brothers and one sister had preceded him in death.

The funeral occurred from the late home Monday at 2 p. m. Rev Lusk officiating and interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. The G. A. R. Post attended in a body.

The death of Mr Shields came as a great shock to his many friends in this community, who had not known that his condition was so serious. He began to show signs of failing health about six weeks ago but was up around the house until about a week before his death.

Mr Shields was a quiet unassuming gentleman, who was content to make his home the chief attraction of his life, while his circle of friends may have been rather limited, those who knew him greatly admired the man for his excellent characteristics. He was honest and upright in all his transactions with his fellow men and held the high estimation of all.

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