

### Obituary of Asa G. Blake.

Asa G. Blake passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Miller in Riverton township, at 10 a. m., Feb. 17, 1920, having been in poor health for several years.

Asa G. Blake was the youngest child of Gen. Wm. Blake and wife, Mary. He was born at Norfolk, St. Lawrence county, New York, Aug. 8, 1828, and was at the time of his death 91 years, 6 months and 8 days old. At the age of ten years he moved with his parents to Wisconsin where they located on a farm near Fox Lake, Dodge county. In his early years he learned the printer's trade.

Oct. 7, 1861, he enlisted in the 8th Wisconsin regiment as a member of the band and later was discharged. Later he was chosen captain of Co. I, 31st Wisconsin regiment and served until the close of the war. He was married to Esther C. Halley on Nov. 18, 1863, and to this union one child was born, both the mother and child passing away within the next two years. In July, 1888, he came to Iowa and made his home with his brother, William on the farm in Riverton, where he has remained most of the time, except 18 years spent in Arkansas. His health failing he returned and was a resident of Iowa

Post and at one time its Commander, and he took a great interest in all their gatherings as long as his health would permit.

Funeral services were held at the home 7 miles southwest of town, and at the M. E. church, Nashua, Friday, Feb. 20, at 11 a. m. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. were present and conducted their ritual service at the church and at Oak Hill cemetery where burial was made. Services were in charge of Rev. H. D. Green.