

H. B. LAIRD ANSWERS TAPS.

Another Old Soldier and Pioneer Resident of This Community Called By Death Thursday.

Hugh B. Laird, one of Nashua's oldest and most highly respected citizens and a veteran of the Civil war, passed away Thursday afternoon, December 24, after an illness of considerable duration, death coming as a relief to a body racked with pain during his last illness.

Hugh Barr Laird was born at Huntington, Canada, on June 21, 1843, and was in his 82nd year. He came with his parents to Bradford, Iowa, in June 1857, and had been a resident of this community since that time or for a period of more than 68 years.

Mr. Laird served in the Civil war with the 4th Iowa Cavalry. He was married to Alleta Brooks on November 5, 1867. To this union were born five children, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining three are: Mrs. Luna Smith and Otho R Laird, of Nashua, and Mrs. Clio Grawe, of Clare, Iowa. The wife and mother preceded him in death February 4, 1911, since which time he has made his home principally with his daughter, Mrs. Smith, and it was at her home that death overtook him.

Mr. Laird during his long life in this community was an active figure in its civil and business affairs, and his judgment in all matters carried much weight. He was a man whose integrity was never questioned and for this reason he was called to many positions of trust and responsibility, and he always gave of his best in the fulfilment of these trusts. He was an active member of Geo. W. Dodge Post, Grand Army of the Republic, mayor for several terms, councilman a number of different times and a member of the board of education for many years. Of the deceased it can be truly said, he was a man in every sense of the word.

Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light,
Still traveling downward from the sky
Shine on our mortal sight.
So when a good man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.

Funeral services were held from the Smith home Saturday, Dec. 26, 1925; at 10 a. m., Rev. George T. Hanna, of the Congregational church in charge, and interment was in the family lot in Greenwood cemetery.