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ANOTHER VETERAN CALLED

**Smith Stearns Answers Taps After
Lingering Illness. Funeral Fri-
day. Burial at Oak Hill.**

Smith P. Stearns was born in Hartford, N. Y., November 26, 1845, and passed away at his home in Nashua, Iowa, December 16, 1925.

He enlisted at the age of 15 years as a drummer boy in the Union army. He also served as a messenger boy under General Sherman, and marched with that famous leader to the sea.

The deceased came of fighting stock, his direct ancestors fought in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Stearns was united in holy wedlock to Alta Knapp, June 24, 1869, at Charles City, Iowa. To this union one child was born who died in infancy. The wife departed this life May 17, 1923. No immediate relatives survive.

He remained in the army until the close of hostilities, and then received an honorable discharge, since which time he has been a pensioner of the government.

The subject of this memoir came to Nashua about sixty years ago. With the brief exception of a few years residence in California, he has made this his home, until called by death on last Wednesday, after a lingering illness. He was faithfully taken care of in his last illness and every need supplied by those who cared for him.

The deceased had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many long years and died in the faith. He said to the writer that he spent all his time, when awake, praying and that his faith was implicit in Jesus Christ, and that he was only waiting his time of departure. His body will rest in Oak Hill cemetery and his spirit will be with God.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Friday, at 2 p. m., Rev. W. M. Lemen in charge. ***