

Valentine Kraft Passes Away.

Valentine Kraft, one of the especially good men of this community, was called from the scenes of this life at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

The deceased was born in Germany Feb. 6, 1842. He went to school and was confirmed there. In the spring of 1860, he with two comrades, came to America. He worked out in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana and when the war broke out he enlisted in the 9th Indiana Volunteers and went with his regiment to Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama and fought in the Battle of Pittsburg Landing. He told of the many fearful attacks, great hardships and miraculous escapes. When he was discharged his health had suffered and he never quite overcame the asthma. Soon after his return from the war he settled here, on the old homestead, where he died. After a few years he married Miss Wilhelmina Sippel, of West Union. The marriage was solemnized March 8, 1868, at that place. When the Lutheran congregation in Bradford township was organized, they joined and Mr. Kraft served as one of the trustees. He and his wife worked together and prayed together, and stood the hardships of pioneer life together and shared each others joys, until Oct. 8, 1900, his wife left him and went to her heavenly home. He seemed never to get over this bereavement. He lived for himself and did not care any more for social life. He was up and around until the evening before his death. He never feared death, but longed for it, since his wife had gone from him. In his death Nashua loses one of its best and most honorable citizens.

The funeral was held at The Little Brown Church Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Caselman, of Charles City, officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in Oak Hill.

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