

NASHUA, IOWA

TAPS SOUNDED FOR S. D. FRENCH

Civil War Veteran and Pioneer Citizen Answers Final Summons at Ripe Age of 84 Years.

One by one our civil war veterans and our pioneer citizens are answering the final summons, and last Thursday Nashua was saddened by the taking of another of these good men, in the person of S. D. French, better known in the community for the last half century as Deacon French.

Samuel Dean French was born in Herkimer county, New York, May 30, 1842, and passed away at his home in Nashua on December 3, 1925, in the 84th year of his age.

At the age of 20 years Mr. French enlisted in the Union army and served through the Civil war until honorably discharged on the 24th of June, 1865. Two years later he came to Waverly, Iowa, and was there married to Miss Elvira Kinney, on April 12, 1869. They settled at once in Floyd county and remained on the same farm, west of Nashua for thirty-one years, or until 1900, when they moved to Nashua, where they have since resided.

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Mr. French is survived by his wife, and other relatives, who mourn the departure of a man who lived a life of true christianity, and died respected and loved by all who knew him.

The writer does not feel competent to pay the tribute to the deceased that is his just due. He had a war record that was a distinct honor to him, and his civil life was all that could be desired in any citizen.

During his residence in Floyd county he was active in the affairs of the county, holding different positions of trust, and was never found lacking, being a man of much ability he was called upon to carry a full share of the responsibilities of the growing community and he always carried his share of this responsibility with cheerfulness. After his retirement from active life on the farm he still took an active part in things of public interest, especially in the Grand Army of the Republic, and while his health permitted he could always be counted upon to be one of the workers on all occasions. He was influential in church work and was for many years a deacon in the Nashua Congregational church. He was a good soldier, a good citizen and his death will be sincerely mourned.

Funeral services were held from the Congregational church Sunday at 2.30 p. m., Rev. George T. Hanna, officiating and interment was at Oak Hill cemetery.