

Another Pioneer Citizen Answers the Final Summons.

George W. Hawkins, one of Nashua's most highly respected citizens and an honored resident of this county for more than a half a century, passed away at his home Sunday evening after an illness of about a month's duration.

Four weeks ago last Sunday Mr. Hawkins had a slight stroke of apoplexy but rallied for a few days after the stroke and then gradually grew worse until the end came. During his illness his wife and his two daughters, Mrs. A. D. Leaman and Miss Ethel, were constant watchers at his bedside and everything possible that loving hands could do was done to alleviate his sufferings.

George William Hawkins was born in Philadelphia, N. Y., April 15, 1834, and passed away at his home in this city Sunday evening, Dec. 22, 1912, at the age of 79 years, 8 months and 7 days. At the age of 14 years, accompanied by his mother, he came to Aurora, Ill., where they resided about seven years, coming then to Iowa and settling on the "Wapsie" east of Nashua, where he lived for about a year, when he moved to Nashua, where more than fifty years of his life were spent. On August 26, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Mitchell, at Charles City, Iowa, and the years of their married life being spent at their home in the suburbs of this city. Besides the wife, two daughters, Mrs. A. D. Leaman and Miss Ethel, both of this city, are left to mourn their loss. One daughter, Verna, preceded her father to the better land nineteen years ago.

Deceased was a veteran of the civil war, serving three years, and received an honorable discharge. For many years Mr. Hawkins was engaged in the real estate business here and came in contact with a wide circle of men in his business and by his uprightness of character and fair dealing won the friendship and esteem of all. For more than twenty years he was president of Oak Hill Cemetery association and during all that time there was never an occasion when he was too busy to devote himself to any task for improving or beautifying that city of the dead and to him is due much of the credit for the care and keeping up of the cemetery, which will now be the resting place of his remains through the ages to come. Mr. Hawkins was known by practically everyone in this community and his death will be mourned not only by the relatives, but by all who knew him.

The funeral was held at the Congregational church at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Otis L. Spurgeon conducting the service and the remains were laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

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