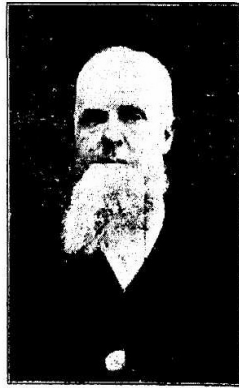


**Another Pioneer Resident Called.**

Died—At his home in this city, Sunday, May 21, 1905, John Laird, aged 69 years, 11 months and 6 days. Deceased was born in Huntington county, Canada East, June 15, 1835, and came to Bradford, Iowa, in June, 1857. He was married to Margaret Tannahill Dec. 5, 1868, and to this union three children were born—Andrew, Ethel (who died in childhood) and Edith (Mrs. Marshall Cagley). His wife preceded him to the better



JOHN LAIRD.

land Jan. 19, 1893. Besides the two children, Andrew and Mrs. Cagley, who were with him during his last illness, he leaves three brothers and two sisters and numerous other relatives to mourn his departure. The brothers and sisters are, H. B. and Geo. Laird and Mrs. Chas. Parks, of Nashua, James Laird, of Lewiston, Idaho, and Mrs. Thos. Bigger, of Osceola, Wis.

Mr. Laird had been in poor health all winter, but death was directly due to a stroke of paralysis last week Tuesday. He had followed the trade of a carpenter nearly all his life, and during his long residence in this community attained a wide acquaintance, holding the highest respect and confidence of all who knew him and he contributed much to the development of this community in its early history. He was a good father, a good husband, a good neighbor and a good citizen.

The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday, at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. Sinden, and the burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM.

John Laird, born in Canada, N. A., June 15, 1835. Joined Geo. W. S. Dodge Post, No. 132, Dept. of Iowa G. A. R., Jan. 8, 1889. Died in Nashua, Iowa, May 21, 1905.

John Laird enlisted in Co. H, 4th Iowa Cav. December 23, 1863, and was mustered out with his regiment at Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 23, 1865.

The 4th Iowa cavalry is regarded by historians as one of the most distinguished cavalry regiments of the west, and much of its service was rendered after our deceased comrade became a member. Under its gallant colonel, Edward F. Winslow, with the two other regiments of the brigade it saved the army on the unfortunate Guntown campaign. In this retreat, while holding in check the furious charges of Forest's cavalry, Andrew Laird, brother of John and H. B. Laird, was killed in the street of Ripley. A month later the regiment participated in a victory over Forest and his daring troopers at Tupelo.

In September of the same year the regiment made a grand showing in Missouri at the battle of "Big Blue" and from Gen. Pleasanton received high commendation. In order No. 11 he says: "They are glorious troops." Pursuing Price and his retreating forces through Missouri, Arkansas and the Indian Territory, the regiment made a march of 2,000 miles in bad weather and over roads nearly impassible for man or beast.

In March, 1866, the regiment with the brigade to which it belonged went on the memorable and successful raid which resulted in the capture of Montgomery, and the capture of thousands of prisoners and a vast amount of munitions.

The historian says that the regiment carried home with it a name and a fame of which not only its members, but all Iowa, was proud. From what we know of the character of our deceased comrade we know that he performed his full duty in all the campaigns of the 4th Iowa Cavalry. His service as a soldier has been supplemented with good citizenship. His memory will be revered for all the sterling qualities that he possessed.

BY THE COMMITTEE.