

CHAS. PORTER IS DEAD

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One of Grinnell's Old Time Residents
Passed Away at His Home Wed-
nesday Morning.

HAD PASSED THE AGE
OF EIGHTY-TWO YEARS

Has Been a Citizen of Influence In
Grinnell for Many Years And Is
Sincerely Mourned.

Charles Porter, who passed away at his home, Wednesday morning, was born at Vergennes, Vt., January 18, 1837. So at the time of his death he had lived more than two months past his 82nd birthday. In the later fifties he went to Madrid, N. Y., where he was married Dec. 28, 1859, at her home at Madrid Springs, to Helen M. Sherman, daughter of early well known and honored parents. Returning to Vermont he enlisted in the 11th Vermont Infantry in November, 1863. He served till the close of the war, receiving his discharge in August, 1865.

After returning from the army Mr. and Mrs. Porter lived on the home farm at Parisburg on Lake Champlain. Here in Vermont all but one of the children were born.

In 1873 with his family he moved to Iowa and since that time Grinnell was his home. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Porter, one of whom, Richard K. Porter, died in 1874, and a daughter, Alice Porter Mankey, in 1891. Besides his wife, with whom he had lived sixty years of married life, two daughters and two sons survive him. They are Mrs. Edelaide Benson of Los Angeles; Mrs. Nellie Bryan of Abingdon, Ill.; Seymour H. Porter of Big Sandy, Montana, and Harry Porter of Choteau, Mont.

Mr. Porter was a quiet, industrious man, a wide reader, an interesting, terse and entertaining writer. He was intensely interested in politics, and in the days of his strength his advice was much sought by his party leaders, and his pen has done active editorial work in more than one campaign.

He has been connected as a writer, at times, with both the Grinnell papers of his day and with the Montezuma Democrat. His work was always trenchant and interesting.

Mr. Porter was a member of the Grand Army and of the Grinnell Odd Fellows. For a decade he has been in weakened health but until recently was about town a good deal. Recently he has been confined to his home more, but to the last maintained a keen interest in national affairs, and the political trend of the country. He had been really sick only a week.

Seymour Porter arrived this morning from Big Sandy.

The funeral occurs at two o'clock this afternoon at Snyder's undertaking rooms, conducted by Rev. F. H. Webster of Algona, former pastor of the Baptist church of this city. Services at the grave will be conducted jointly by Gordon Granger Post and the Odd Fellows.