

WHO IS OLDEST SETTLER?

Perhaps the oldest settler in this vicinity now living in Grinnell is William Prosser. He is the son of D. D. Prosser, one of the first settlers in this locality. He was born at Lynnville in 1850 and a year later his father purchased the farm in the north part of Washington township which corners on the southwest with the G & M Junction and during practically all the time since, he has been a resident of Washington township or of Grinnell city. He says that he had very little schooling but attended school at one time at Westfield taught by Mary Hays. He is quite familiar with all of the early events in this part of the county. His father came here in 1848 with P. S. Pearce and soon went to Lynnville, but came back in 1852. His father D. D. Prosser was one of the first trustees of Washington twp., having been elected May 3, 1852. The other trustees elected at that time were Geo. Beeler and Wm. McNabb.

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An Obituary Of G-H William Prossor

William Prosser was born at Sugar Grove, Poweshiek county, Feb. 23, 1850 and died Sunday night, Dec. 28 at the Community hospital at the age of 80 years, 10 months, 5 days. He was married to Miss Nellie Sparks Oct. 14, 1904, who with one son, Paul, survives him. One brother, Daniel, of Wisconsin, also survives. Four sisters and three brothers have preceded him in death.

The greater part of his life was lived in Grinnell and vicinity and he was well known by the older residents of the city. He was a kind husband and father and had a kindly good thought for every one.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Robert Lincoln were held Wednesday afternoon from the Snyder Bros. Chapel, with burial in the Westfield cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lord sang "Shall We Meet" and "Shall We Gather."

Pallbearers were George W. Pearce, Frank H. Pearce, G. G. Pearce, F. G. Brown, E. S. Brown, and A. J. Brown.