



The Late Rev. Nathan Cook Harvey.

Rev. Nathan Cook Harvey died at his home in Spencer, Clay Co., Iowa, on Wednesday, March 24th 1909, of cancer of the stomach.

The deceased was born in Hamilton Co., Indiana in 1837 and was the only son of Caleb and Louisa Harvey. He came to Wisconsin when 16 years of age and located on Section 22, Town of Woodland, at that time a wild and rugged wilderness.

He began making himself a home in the woods and in 1856 married Miss Mary M. Kersey, of Park county, Indiana and in December 1864 enlisted in Co. H., 12th Wisconsin Infantry and served until the close of the war. As can be attested by many of his old comrades he was as brave and true a man as ever wore the blue.

On his return from the army he took up the study of law but finding the ministry more to his tastes entered it and for twenty years labored in the cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey raised a family of eight children five sons and three daughters of whom all but two daughters survive him. Mrs. Harvey also preceded him by several years.

Mr. Harvey while a resident of Wisconsin held a great many positions of trust and favor and was held in high esteem as a reformer along many lines and was ever ready to help and advise all who needed him.

In 1887 he bade Wisconsin farewell and went to Clay county, Iowa and located on a farm near Spencer, still pursuing his ministerial work, however, with greater zeal than before.

He has been a resident of that county ever since and by his fidelity, honesty and integrity has built up a good host of friends.

Mr. Harvey was again married to Mrs. Lucy Lauber on October 2, 1901, the bride coming from Ashton Iowa.

Mrs. Harvey and her two children are left to mourn the loss of one who was a true and loving husband and father.

He continued his daily labors until recently when his family and friends began to note a decline in his usual health but he did not complain although the disease, cancer of the stomach was slowly but surely sapping his strength.

Although he was given every possible care and attention, the once strong constitution was unable to cope with the great odds against it and a strong and fearless man passed to the Great Beyond.

The funeral services were held in the Friend's Church at 2 p. m. Friday, Rev. Alvin Hoskins officiating. Mr. Harvey had been a member of the Friends Church all his life.

His sons, Horace, of Valton, Wis George, of Iowa, and Jesse, of Minneapolis were present at the funeral but Wilson and Edward, of San Jose, Cal, and Mrs. Mary E. Hanson, of Oregon, were unable to be there.

After the funeral the remains were brought to Valton, Wis., and further funeral services were held at the Friend's Church on Sunday, March 23th, Rev. Guthrie officiating, assisted by Rev. A. E. Shore. The remains were laid to rest in the Valton Cemetery amidst a great profusion of flowers, many being sent by old comrades.

Mr. Harvey's dying words when told that the bugle call would soon sound were "All is well,—I am ready" which reminds us that only by one the "old boys in blue" are answering the final roll call and we shall know them no more forever.