

[Ames, John S.]

### Death at Monticello

John S. Ames, one of the well known residents of the town, died at his home near this village Wednesday evening, Oct. 5th. He had been in failing health for some time, but was not even confined to the house, so his death was quite unexpected.

He was born August 23d, 1839, on the farm adjoining the one which had been his home for a half century. His parents were Almon and Esther Palmer Ames. One brother, Daniel Ames is the only survivor of their large family.

Mr. Ames, when a young man, went to Illinois and was there at the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted as a private in August, 1862, in the 105th regiment of the Illinois infantry. He was a member of General Sherman's army when he made his memorable march to the sea, but was seriously wounded and left in a hospital. However, he was able to rejoin his regiment in North Carolina and return with the army to Washington. He was honorably discharged from service June 16th, 1865, having been made a corporal, and soon returned to his home in Richfield. His home, for which he had fought and bled and nearly died, was very dear to his heart. His children and their children, his friends and their children, often enjoyed reminiscences of army life. One more of the fast diminishing band of G.A.R.'s has joined the great army of the dead.

In politics Mr. Ames was a loyal Republican, and always evinced an intelligent and keen interest in public affairs.

He was an attendant and liberal supporter of the Universalist church, a man of upright dealing, unswerving honesty and integrity, and possessed of an unusually social and kindly nature. He had endeared himself to a large circle of relatives and friends, and will be greatly missed in this community.

He was married in this village Nov. 8th, 1868, to Cora Eunice, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Huntley. She died five years ago and their eldest child, Ray, died in 1885. He is survived by twin daughters, Clara, wife of Alfred E. Kaynor, Carra, wife of Ernest M. Johnson, and one son, Sherman H. Ames, residing in Richfield; also by four grandchildren: Vivian, Willard, and Morton Johnson, and Murray Ames. The loss of a baby granddaughter, Eunice Ames, a few months ago, was a great grief to him. His son and wife resided with him at the old homestead, and both cheerfully gave him loving care and sought his advice and counsel.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and were largely attended. The casket was draped with the flag he had so bravely defended and a beautiful wreath of sweet peas, his favorite flowers, rested upon it. Rev. DeWitt Lamphear of the Universalist church of Bridgewater spoke feelingly of the gratitude we all owe to those who helped save our country from dissolution and to place it among the foremost nations of the world.

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