

[Hathaway, John Talmage]

OBITUARY—JOHN T. HATHAWAY

John Talmage Hathaway was born in Scipio, Cayuga Co., N.Y., on April 16, 1844. His parents moved to the "Reservation" near Perry, when he was a young lad, and most of his life was spent in that vicinity.

In 1880 he went to Oshtemo, Mich., where he bought a farm, and married Miss Cora Bushout of that place. He lived there about five years, when Mrs. Hathaway and an infant son died of diphtheria, and he returned to Perry. He bought the farm home known as "The Corners" on the Reservation and made his home with his sister, Mrs. Joel Allen, until her death. The past five years have been spent in the home of his niece, Mrs. M. R. Nelson of Buffalo and DesMoines [sic], Ia. He [She] died in DesMoines on February 17.

Mr. Hathaway was too young for service in the Civil War, but was in the militia training. He was a member of the Universalist Church. He was educated at the old Perry Academy, where he was a favorite with pupils and teachers and noted for his wit and fun. These characteristics, coupled with patience brightened the life of his invalid mother and sister, to whom he gave the most devoted and tender care in their last years, and helped him thru the many years of his own invalidism and suffering.

He was confined to his bed nearly two years, but was always ready with a joke or pat story, and his cheerfulness and patience endeared him to all who came to know him in the new home. An attack of anaemic paralysis released him without pain or struggle in a few hours.

He was the last of his generation, leaving only two nieces, a nephew, and the children of Mrs. Nelson.

Funeral services were held in the Dunn Funeral Home in DesMoines. The body, accompanied by his nephew, A. E. Hathaway, was brought to Perry for interment in Hope Cemetery.

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