

# Obituaries of Our Ancestors

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**OBTUARY      BELLAMY, James Archibald**

**Mr James Bellamy**, of 2 Swale Aenue, Peterborough, a former director of Alexander Thomson (Furnishers) Ltd, of Park Road, Peterborough, died in Fenland House on Monday, aged 93. Mr Bellamy was born in Peterborough and was on the staff of the shop when it first opened. He was a director for many years and worked until he was over 80. He leaves a widow (**Grace**), a son (Mr **John Bellamy**, of Maidstone), three daughters (Mrs **Joan Green**, of Scotney Street, Mrs **Paddy Thorpe**, of Iowa, USA, and Mrs **Barbara Butler**, who lives in Belgium), 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held yesterday at Peterborough crematorium.



## Obituary of Uriah B. Lemmon

*From a clipping from the Clyde, Ohio, Enterprise - Febr. 17, 1887.*

Tuesday morning, Febr. 15, 1887, the venerable U.B. Lemmon passed from earth. Ill from December 31, 1886, he died of pneumonia, Bright's Disease, and Blood Poisoning.

Born March 16, 1808 at Livonia, Livingston County, New York. His father, **James Lemmon**, was of Irish origin, though born in Northumberland County Pennsylvania, July 17, 1779. His mother, **Rebecca Blake**, was of Welsh descent.

On the 30th of April, 1827, Uriah started for Ohio, accompanied by younger brothers **Matthew** and **Eli**, by wagon. The father, James, waited with the rest of the family for the opening of navigation on Lake Erie. The family consisted of the parents, James and Rebecca, five sons, two daughters, and one adopted daughter.

Uriah's memorandum says that roads were bad, bridges gone, and most rivers had to be forded. In fording the Cattaraugus he was obliged to jump in the water waist deep and take the flood wood away from the wagon. It cost him just eleven dollars to make the trip to Sandusky County, Ohio, where they arrived May 10.

His father and family got through later the same month. They had much sickness during the summer, and the eldest daughter died. The father purchased a tract of eighty acres in the south part of Townsend township where Matthew Lemmon now lives.

Uriah picked up the trade of carpenter and joiner after coming to Ohio. In 1830, he worked in Sandusky, then a small town, at carpentry. In 1831, he did some work at Norwalk, and in 1832 went to lower Sandusky, now Fremont, to work for **Judge Howeland**. While there he boarded with Chauncy Roberts- later known as the Kessler House, now the passenger depot of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad.

In 1834, Uriah Blake Lemmon was married to Miss **Emily McIntyre**. At about this time he went on foot to Bucyrus, where the U.S. Land Office was, and there entered 40 acres in section 35, Townsend Township, and eighty acres in adjoining York Township. But the latter tract was overrun in surveying so that he actually got one hundred twenty seven acres.

On this tract he built himself a log cabin With puncheon floors and a rough frame barn, moved into the cabin with his bride, and began life in earnest. The house was without a hearth, except the bare ground, and his first bedstead was formed by boring holes in the logs at one side, sticking pieces of timber therein, and interlacing these with strips of bark. Later he put in a hearth of stones, and constructed an independent bedstead. (At the time, there were as many Indians as whites.)

The log house was home for 14 years. A natural genius for mechanical work stood him well in hand; besides carpentering, he made all the shoes worn by himself and the children, ten of whom were born to them.

A shoemaker's bench was part of the furniture in the house; an occasional hide taken to a tannery in Seneca County furnishing leather. As the children grew older, Uriah fixed and mended torn shoes while they slept. He built a workshop for carpentering, or any other mechanical work necessary to be done.

In 1848, he bought a farm of 80 acres near Cooperstown,

on the North Ridge in Townsend County. He walked to Prout's station in Erie County, 12 or 13 miles away, and took a train on the Old Mansfield and Sandusky Straprail to Mansfield. Then he walked 60 miles to Newark and back on the fourth day with the contract of purchase in his pocket.

In 1850 he built a frame dwelling- a large mansion for the time, and moved into it in the fall of that year.

Here the wife of his youth and the mother of his children died July 12, 1860. In the spring of 1861, he bought a farm of **Samuel Shutts**, in York Township, now owned by **Randall Sparks**, and moved there with his children. He remained there until the spring of 1866, when he left his sons, **Cyrus A.** and **M.B. Lemmon** to manage the farm. He moved into Clyde, Ohio.

He remained in town for the spring and summer and returned to the farm in winter. The ensuing winter he was afflicted with rheumatic fever and became crippled in the right leg, which required daily bandaging till he died. In the spring of 1867, he came again to Clyde, unable to work because of lameness, living with son, **John J. (M.?) Lemmon**, Esquire.

In 1870, he was married to Mrs. **Dorcas Ferguson**, who died 3 years later. In 1874, he married **Sarah Hoyt**, who survives as his widow. His home at this time was at the corner of Church and Duane Streets, until his property was cut in two by the building of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad. He sold the property and bought the house on Maple Street where he died. His parents died in the '50's. One brother, **Matthew**, and one sister, Mrs. **Anne Bullard**, survived.

He was 78 years, 10 months, and 29 days old Surviving children were: **W.H. Lemmon**, of Fremont, Indiana; Hon. **John M. Lemmon**, and **M.B. Lemmon**, Esq. of Clyde, Ohio; **Cyrus A. Lemmon** of Durango, Colorado; Mrs. **Rebecca Gardner**, widow of the late **C.C. Gardner**; Mrs. **Lizzie Hock**, widow of **Howard Hock**; One daughter, **Sarah A. Thorpe**, wife of **Monroe Thorpe**, of Grundy County, Iowa, died within the year past (1886). There were 27 grandchildren in all.



OBTUARY PALMER, Elizabeth Maria Bangle

**MRS. ELIZABETH M. PALMER.**

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Palmer, 86, for 40 years a resident of Waterloo, died Thursday night, leaving behind 137 living descendants.

She died of complications incident to advanced age at 9 p. m. in the home of her daughter, **Mrs. B. W. Jones**, 71 Mulberry street. Her husband had preceded her in death in 1929.

Surviving are two sons, six daughters, 41 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren and 16 great great grandchildren. Two children preceded her in death.

She was born in Augusta, Wis., Sept. 14, 1859, daughter of Mr. and Mrs **William Bangle**, and was married there July 4, 1874, to **William Palmer**. The family moved here from Grand Meadow, Minn.

Named among survivors are **Clint**, Pasadena, Cal.; **Vern**, Rockford, Ia., sons; Mrs. **Addie Kepple**, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. **Luel-la Gregory**, Pembine, Wis.; Mrs. **May Prior**, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Mrs. **Ivas Padget**, 310 Rhey street, Waterloo; Mrs. Jones, **Mrs. A. W. Bottine**, 361 Sherwood drive, daughters, and one sister, Mrs. **Alice Van Etten**, Bellingham, Wash.

The body was taken to Kearns Garden chapel.

*This obituary was in the Waterloo Daily Courier, Waterloo, Iowa on Friday, November 23, 1945.*



**WILLIAM HENRY PALMER**

William Henry Palmer, 76, died at 3 p. m. Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bert Jones, 1100 Beech street, from complications of age.

Mr. Palmer was born June 12, 1851, at Williamsport, Penn. He came with his parents to Wisconsin when he was 4 years old and in 1905 he came to Waterloo, where he had resided since.

He was married July 4, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth Bangle, of Augusta, Wis. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of Mrs. Jones July 4, 1924.

Surviving besides his widow are six daughters, Mrs. Addie Bell Scott, Marble Rock, Ia.; Luella J. Gregory, Harmon, N. D., May A. Prior, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Ivas P. Padget, Viola F. Jones and Vivian B. Bottine, Waterloo; three sons, John L. Palmer, Mascotte, Fla., Clinton L. Palmer, Chicago, and Vern B. Palmer, Rockford, Ia.; also 35 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. One daughter preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday in the O'Keefe & Towne chapel. Rev. Warren L. Steeves, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview.

*This obituary was in the Waterloo Evening Courier, Waterloo, Iowa on Monday, May 9, 1927, p. 2*

PALMER—Funeral services for William Henry Palmer, 76, who died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bert Jones, 1100 Beech, of complications, will be held this afternoon at 2:30 from the O'Keefe & Towne funeral chapel, the Rev. Warren L. Steeves, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist church, officiating. Interment will be in Fairview.

The deceased was born in Williamsport, Pa., June 12 1851, going to Wisconsin with his parents when he was four years of age. He came to Waterloo in 1905. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Bangle, of Augusta, Wis., on July 4, 1874, and the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the daughter's home here in 1924.

Surviving are the widow and nine children, Mrs. Viola Jones, Mrs. Ivas P. Padget and Mrs. Vivian Bottine, Waterloo; Mrs. Addie Belle Scott, Marble Rock; Mrs. Luella J. Gregory, Harmon, N. D.; Mrs. May A. Prior, Cedar Rapids; John L. Palmer, Mascotte, Fla.; Clinton L. Palmer, Chicago, and Verne B. Palmer, Rockford. Thirty-five grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren also survive. A daughter preceded him in death.

*This obituary was in the Waterloo Tribune, Waterloo, Iowa on Tuesday Morning, May 10, 1927, p. 8*



## ARTHUR E. PRIOR CALLED BY DEATH

Arthur E. Prior was born July 14, 1853, at Orleans, Ionia co., Michigan, and died at the home of his son Arthur at Racine, Wisconsin on July 10th [1929]. He lived until Sunday he would have been 76 years old.

Mr. Prior was united in marriage to **Martha E. Lewis** at Spring Valley, Minn., on the 26th day of February, 1877. To this union were born 11 children, 6 sons and 5 daughters. His wife preceded him in death 6 years ago, also two children. One son Willie and one daughter Nettie passed away in childhood.

Those left to mourn the loss of their father are Mrs. **Edith Nowling** of Racine, Wis., **Oliver W.** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, **George W.** of Newton, Iowa, **Lewis H.** of Brook Park, **Mrs. E. L. Neuendorf** of Racine, Wis., **Mrs. M. O. Sather** of Luvern, Minn., **Mrs. William Teich** of this place [Pine City, MN?], **Ray C.** of Elkton, Minn., and **Arthur E.** of Racine, Wis. Besides his children he leaves to mourn his loss one sister, **Mrs. G. J. Lewis** of Grand Meadow, Minn., 34 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Mrs. Lewis is the last of their family to survive.

Mr. Prior was a good neighbor, a kind and loving husband and father. Thus one more of the oldest has passed on before to wait those who shall come and greet those that are already there.

Dearest father thou hath left us,  
And our loss we deeply feel,  
But in Jesus we are trusting,  
He can all our sorrows heal.  
Sadly missed by the Prior children.

### Card of Thanks

We desire to extend our thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and kindness that have been extended to us in our severe hours of trial and affliction and wish especially to thank those who gave the beautiful floral offerings.

The Prior children and grandchildren.



Passing of an Old Pioneer

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Joseph Warren Prior was born in Rodman, N. Y. June 1st, 1828, died at his home in this village [Lakeview, MI?] Friday morning May 14th, aged 80 years, 11 months and 13 days.

When still a small boy he came to Ohio with his mother and later returned to New York where he learned the trade of harness maker which business he followed for a number of years. In September 1851 he was united in marriage to **Alzina Morgan** and to them were born two children, Arthur and **Jessie**. This wife passed away in 1862 and two years later he came to Michigan, settling in Winfield township where he resided until 1902 when he moved to Lakeview.

On May 7th, 1865 he was united in marriage to **Rachel E. Whitscell** and of this union was born four children, **H. Will**, **Ernest C.**, **Bertie L.**, and **Herbert N.** He is survived by the widow; two sons, **Arthur E.**, of Waterloo, Iowa; and **H. Will** of Kalamazoo; a daughter, **Jessie**, of Grand Meadow, Minn., and a sister, Mrs. M. A. Helm of Detroit, Mich.

Deceased was a man respected by all, and the creed which he always adheared to was "Do by others as you would be done by."

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Congregational church. Interment in Winfield cemetery.

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 We wish to thank all the neighbors and friends for their kindness and support during our recent bereavement.

MRS. **RACHEL E. PRIOR**  
 H. WILL PRIOR  
 MRS. **M. A. HELM**

**Martha E. Prior**

Martha E. Prior, nee Lewis was called from our midst Dec. 8, 1923. Death was caused by appoplexy. She had been in her usual health until she was stricken on Thursday after eating a hearty dinner and never regained consciousness, passing away the following Saturday afternoon. She was a kind and loving wife and mother and a friend to all who knew her. Her departure is a great shock to her family and community.

Mrs. Prior was born at Ripon, Wis, Fond du lac county, December 15, 1859 and was married to **Arthur E. Prior** Feb. 26, 1877. To this union 11 children were born. **Oliver W.** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, **George** and **Mrs. Jesse Neuendorf** of Waterloo, Iowa, **Lewis** and **Ray** of Cloverton, Minn., **Vira Pearl Sather** of Laverne, Minn., and **Edith Nowling**, **Lora Teich** and **Arthur Jr.** of Pine City. **Nettie** and **Willie** having preceeded her to the great beyond. A sorrowing husband and two brothers, **George J. Lewis** of Austin, Minn. and **William H.** of Dell Rapids, S. D. also survive her. All were present at the funeral except her brother William.

She was laid to rest in the Brook Park cemetery.

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**Card of Thanks**

We take this means of extending our many thanks to our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us in our sad bereavement. We wish to especially thank them for the beautiful flowrs.

Arthur E. Prior  
Children and  
Grandchildren

**OBTUARY    PRIOR, May Aleen Palmer**

May Aleen Prior, 93 a resident of a local care center, died, there Monday following a brief illness.

Born May 1, 1886, at Augusta, Wis., she was a Cedar Rapids resident most of her life after coming here from Waerloo in 1914. She was married to **Oliver W. Prior** on Oct. 22, 1903, in Mower County, Minn. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are five daughters, **Martha Cashman** of Friendship, Wis., **Viola McArtor** of Tacoma, Wash., **Ruby Becker** of Cedar Rapids, **Maxine Richter** of Tavernier, Fla., and **Noma Ahlgren** of Edwardsville, Ill.; Three sons, **Ronald** of Estherville, **LaVerne** of Cedar Rapids and **Clint** of Shellsburg; one sister, **Vivian Lee** of Neenah, Wis., 34 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services: 1:30 P.M. Thursday at Turner Chapel West by the Rev. **John Tanner** of Immanuel Baptist Church. Burial: Cedar Memorial. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon Wednesday until 1:15 p.m. Thursday. The casket will not be opened following the service.



*This obituary was in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on Tuesday, May 22, 1979, p. 3A col. 1*

**Oliver W. Prior**

Oliver Warren Prior, 1845 Memorial drive SE, a Cedar Rapids resident for 34 years and a moulder for the Iowa Iron Works for 32 years, died in a Cedar Rapids hospital at 12:42 p.m. Sunday following a brief illness. Born March 15, 1880, at Grand Meadow, Minn., he came to Cedar Rapids from Waterloo. He was married to **Mae Alean Palmer** Oct. 22, 1903, at Austin, Minn.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are six daughter, Mrs. **Martha Cashman** of Friendship, Wis., Mrs. **Viola McArtor** of Tacoma, Wash., Mrs. **Voila Lines**, Mrs. **Ruby Spicer**, Mrs. **Maxine Richter**, and Miss **Noma Prior**, all of Cedar Rapids, five Sons, **Ronald**, of Estherville, **Everette**, **LaVerne**, **Oliver Warren jr.**, and **Clint**, all of Cedar Rapids; a son, **Virgil**, was reported missing in action in World war II; three brother, **George**, Newton, **Arthur**, of Pine City, Minn., and **Fay**, of Seattle, Wash., three sisters, Mrs. **Laura Teich** and **Edith Nowling**, both of Pine City, Minn., and Mrs. **Jesse Neindorf** of Racine, Wis.; 30 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

funeral services will be conducted in the Turner chapel at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday by the **Rev. H. G. Schwegler**, pastor of the First Lutheran church. Burial will be in Cedar Memorial cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel.

*This obituary was in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on Monday, May 30, 1949, p. 2*



**MOTHER OF STATE AGENT  
 JAMES E. RISDEN DIES**

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Mrs. Nancy West Risdén, 72, wife of Watson Risdén and mother of James E. Risdén, state agent, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Etta Anderson 1340 North Fourth street west, at 5:45 p. m. yesterday after a brief illness of pneumonia and complications. She had been a resident of Cedar Rapids for about thirty-five years and for the last seventeen years, with the exception of the last few months, she had lived on a farm near Mt. Auburn.

Besides her husband she leaves the following children; Mrs. **Martha Ella Riley**, Mt. Auburn; **James E. Risdén**, Cedar Rapids; **Charles Watson Risdén**, Maquoketa; Mrs. **Hattie Spicer**, near Covington, and Mrs. **Etta Anderson**, Cedar Rapids. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. **Martha DeLarm**, Blair, Nebr.

Funeral services will be held in the Free Methodists church at 10 a. m. Saturday conducted by the **Rev. John Watterson**. Burial will be in Linwood cemetery. Friends may call at the Beatty chapel this evening and Friday.

*This obituary was in the Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette on Thursday, May 10, 1923 p. 19 col. 6*

**FORMER COMMANDER OF  
IOWA G. A. R., WASTON  
RISDEN, IS DEAD**



**WATSON RISDEN.**

Watson M. Ridsen, former commander of the Iowa G. A. R. and for the last two years chaplain of the department, died at his home, 1340 Fourth street NW, at 12:15 p.m. Thursday following an illness of five months. He was the father of **James E. Ridsen**, of Des Moines, chief of the Iowa bureau of criminal identification.

Mr. Ridsen was born in New York state Dec. 1, 1843, and enlisted in Company H, 128th Indiana volunteers at Michigan City, Ind., Feb. 8, 1864, being sent to Louisville and then to Nashville with practically no drill or discipline. The men in this company, or rather boys, were so young they were dubbed "Hovey's Babies," but after their 16-day march from Nashville to Charleston they were veterans.

Mr. Ridsen participated in the as-

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**Watson M. Ridsen,  
Former Head Of  
Iowa G.A.R., Dies**

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sault on Dalton and Rocky Face and also Buzzard's Roost where the 128th received its first baptism of fire. Mr. Ridsen's regiment was sent to Dallas, on to Marietta, then to Burnt Hickory and to New Hope Church, driving the confederates to Atlanta. He also participated in the battles of Franklin, Nashville and Kingston. He was mustered out at Raleigh, N. C., and was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, April 18, 1866. He came direct to Iowa after leaving the service, and had made his in this city for fifty-five years.

Mr. Ridsen was active in both the local post and the state department of the G. A. R., having been elected senior vice-commander at the state encampment in Cedar Rapids a few years ago.

Mr Ridsen served as state commander of the Iowa G. A. R. for one term, having been elected at Ottumwa in June, 1930. The following year he was elected chaplain and recently was re-elected to that position.

His wife preceded him in death nine years and besides his son, James, he is survived by four other children, Mrs. **Etta Shields**, Cedar Rapids; Mrs. **Ella Riley**, Mt. Auburn; Mrs. **Hattie Spicer** of Covington, and **Charles Watson Ridsen** of Maquoketa.

*This obituary was in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on Thursday, June 30, 1932, p. 1 col. 3*

**Funeral Services For  
Watson Ridsen To Be  
Held Saturday At 3**

Funeral services for Watson M. Ridsen, former commander of the Iowa department of the G. A. R. who died at his home here thursday noon, will be held in the Turner chapel at 3 p.m. Saturday, The **Rev. John Watterson** of Oskaloosa, and the Iowa department of the G. A. R. will have charge of the services. Burial will be made in Linwood cemetery where the Daughters of Veterans will have charge at the grave. Military services will also be conducted by the American Legion.

Those from out of town who will attend the Ridsen funeral are **J. P. Risley**, Des Moines, adjutant general Iowa department G. A. R.; **Oley Nelson**, Slater, past commander of Iowa department; **Past Commander Stonebraker** of Hampton; **F. L. Quade**, Dubuque, patriotic instructor; Commander Nolls of Iowa department, and **J. W. Willett**, Tama, past national commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

*This funeral notice was in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on Friday, July 1, 1932, p. 5 col. 6*

**George Spicer, Linn  
Pioneer, Dies, Was 73**

George Spicer, retired farmer, died at the home of his son, Myron Spicer, 4½ miles west on the Red Ball road, at 3:15 a.m. Sunday, Death followed a prolonged illness.

Born Sept. 3, 1864 at Homestead, he had spent practically his life time in Linn county. On Jan. 17, 1897, at Cedar Rapids, he was united in marriage to **Hattie Ridsen** who survives him. He was one of the old time fiddlers, was a lover of the out-of-doors and like fishing. He operated one of the first steam threshers in Linn county.

In additon to his wife, he is survived by two daughters; **Mrs. James Myers** of Humansville, Mo.; **Mrs. Laurance Fulton** of Newhall; four sons; **George II**, and **Lester H. Spicer**, both of Cedar Rapids; **Chester** and **Myron Spicer**, both of Palo. Four sons preceded him in death. He also leaves three sisters; **Ella Masengale** of Marion;

**Elizabeth Sutcliffe** of Cedar Rapids and Mrs. **Clara Duffield** of Ryan and sixteen grandchildren. Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held in the Turner chapel at 2 p.m. Wednesday conducted by **Chester Ainsworth**. Burial will be made in Spring Grove cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel.



*This obituary was in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on Monday, May 16, 1938, p.13 col. 12*

**Mrs. George Spicer**

Hattie Ridsen Spicer, a life-long resident of Cedar Rapids and widow of **George Spicer**, died Saturday following a long illness. She was born March 29, 1877, at Sabula. Mrs. Spicer was a member of the Free Methodist church.

Surviving are two daughters, **Mrs. James Myers** of Lathrop, Mo., and **Edna Fulton** of rural Marion and four sons, **George Spicer, jr.**, of Humansville, Mo., **Lester H. Spicer** of Cedar Rapids, **Chester J. Spicer** of Hiawatha and **Myron Spicer** of rural Marion.

Services: Turner chapel east at 3 p.m. Monday by **Rev. Howard F. Harris**. Burial: Spring Grove cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel.



*This obituary was in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on Saturday, March 11, 1967 p. 2 col. 2*

**Lester H. Spicer**

Lester Harold Spicer, 67, of 714 Seventh street SW, died Friday in a local hospital after a brief illness. Born July 15, 1906, at Palo, he was married to **Ruby Prior** June 29, 1933, in Galena, Ill. He was a resident of Cedar Rapids most of his life.

He was a layout man for Universal Engineering for 35 years before his retirement in 1971. he was a member of Trinity United Methodist church.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are a son, **Richard**, Marshalltown, four daughters, **Diane Spicer**, Naples, Fla., **Susan Spicer**, Racine, Wis., **Karen Thorpe** and **Linda Spicer**, both of Cedar Rapids, four grandchildren; three brothers, **Myron** and **Chester**, both of Marion; **Jack**, Humansville, Mo., and a sister, **Edna Fulton** of New Mexico.

Services: Monday at 1:30 at Turner chapel east by the **Rev. Wilson Hyde**. Burial: Cedar Memorial cemetery. Friends may call at Turner east until 1 p.m. Monday,. The casket will not be open after the service.

*This obituary was in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on Saturday, June 29, 1974, p. 2 col.4*



## OBITUARY OF ROMANCY MILLER TALLMAN

Mrs. Romancy Tallman, known to her many intimate friends as Grandma Tallman, was born at Millersport, Ohio, April 10, 1810, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eliza Lieberknecht, January 31, 1911, at the ripe old age of 91 years, 9 months and 21 days. She was united in marriage to **Benjamin B. Tallman** October 25, 1834, whose decease occurred October 25, 1881. To this union were born thirteen children, ten of whom lived to manhood and womanhood, three dying in infancy. The family moved to Iowa, in 1848.

She was converted at the age of 22, and lived as a devout Christian the remainder of her life. She was always kind and affectionate to her children and always endeavored to make life's path smoother for weary feet.

She leaves to mourn her departure six children, four sons and two daughters: **Miller Tallman, Griff Tallman, Nathaniel Tallman, Wm. Tallman, Amy E. Garnant,** and **Eliza E. Lieberknecht**: she also leaves fourteen grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held Thursday at the Methodist church, conducted by **Rev. Carter**, and a large number of friends were in attendance to witness the last sad rites. Interment was made in the Rippey cemetery. Their many friends join in extending sympathy to the bereft relatives in their time of sorrow.

*This obituary was transcribed from a newspaper clipping probably from a newspaper in or around Rippey, Iowa. The transcription was by the great great grandson of Romancy:*

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**FALL KILLS VETERAN.**

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Miller Tallman, of Sioux City, Dies  
of Shock.

Miller Tallman, 79, of Sioux City, who came to the soldiers' home, Oct. 27, 1905, died at 11:45 this forenoon at the hospital from shock caused by a fall and a fracture of a hip bone, combined with infirmities of old age. Tallman, who was an invalid and unable to walk, attempted to do so ten days ago and fell on the hospital floor.

He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, July 14, 1841, and enlisted in Company K, Eleventh Iowa Infantry, Sept. 11, 1864, at Cedar Rapids. He mustered out at Louisville, Ky., July 15, 1865. His widow, Mrs. **Elizabeth P. Tallman**, a member of the home, a son, **W. G.**, Des Moines; and a daughter, Mrs. **L. H. Thorp**, Armour, S. D., survive.

The funeral will be held at 8 o'clock Monday in the assembly hall. Burial will be in the home cemetery.

*This obituary was in the Marshalltown, Iowa, Times-Republican, Friday, April 8, 1921, p.11 col.5*



## Rites In Grand Mound For Mrs. U. B. Thorpe

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 Funeral services for Mrs. U. B. Thorpe, 74 mother of **Ralph G. Thorpe** of DeWitt were conducted Tuesday afternoon, June 30 in the Kelly funeral home, Grand Mound.

The **Rev. O. L. Allison**, Methodist minister of Grand Mound officiated. The pallbearers were "**Slim**" **Hinrichs**, **Billie Waack**, **Roy Kelly**, **Fred Boussetot**, **Jim Kelly** and **Donnie Martin**. Burial was in Evergreen cemetery.

Mrs. Thorpe died at the DeWitt Community hospital, Sunday afternoon, June 28 at five o'clock following complications, and after a several months illness. The body was removed to the Kelly funeral home and reposed there.

Lenore Hetty Tallman, daughter of Plomey and **Elizabeth Tallman** was born February 1, 1879 at Cherokee, Iowa. She was born in a house where the asylum at Cherokee now stands. On October 22, 1903 in Sioux City, she was married to **U. B. Thorpe**. After residing there for some time, they moved to Armour, S. D, and from there to Belle Plaine in 1913.

Surviving besides her husband are four children: **Ralph G.**, DeWitt, **John M.**, St. Louis, Mo., **Louise Elizabeth Lynch**, Encino, Calif. and **Raymond Miller Thorpe**, Des Moines, also four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Among the floral tributes was a beautiful arrangement from the Grand Mound Baseball club.

*This obituary was in the DeWitt, Iowa, Observer, Thursday, July 2, 1953, p.1 col.1.*



*They got this wrong. Her mother was named Elizabeth Plomey Ault Tallman and her father was named Miller Mathais Tallman.*

**Raymond M. Thorpe**

Raymond Miller Thorpe, 56, of 3020 Southland street SW, died in a Cedar Rapids hospital Thursday following a brief illness.

*He actually died at home of a heart attack.*

Born Aug. 2, 1917 in Belle Plaine, he had lived in Cedar Rapids for 13 years. He was an employe of Square D Co. in Cedar Rapids as a tool and die maker.

Married to **Patricia M. Belamy** Oct. 19, 1944, in Peterborough, England, he was a veteran of World war II.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two, daughters, **Judith Fernandes** and **Lisa Thorpe**, and two sons, **Robert** and **Raymond**, all of Cedar Rapids; two grandchildren; a sister, **Louise Lynch**, Santa Barbara, Calif., and a brother, **Ralph**, Medford, Ore.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Turner chapel west. Burial: Linwood cemetery/ Friends may call at the chapel until 10 a.m. Saturday. The casket will not be opened after the service.



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**Funeral Set  
Friday For  
U. B. Thorpe**

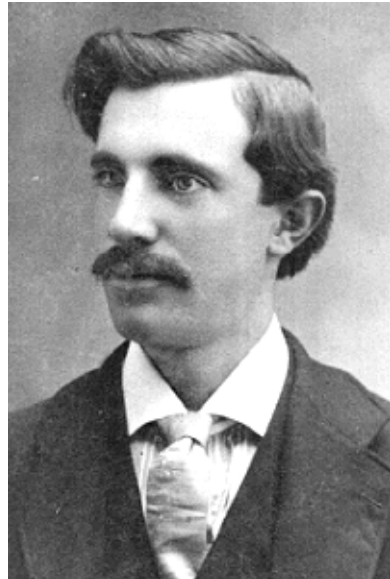
Uriah B. Thorpe, 81 of Grand Mound, passed away at 3:30 Tuesday in the DeWitt Community hospital. He had been a resident of the Gest Nursing home and in poor health for the past several years.

The body reposes in the Kelly Funeral home, Grand Mound, where services will be conducted at 1:30 CST Friday. **Rev. Don Lichtenfelt** of the Grand Mound Methodist church will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Uriah Blake Thorpe, son of **William M.** and **Sarah Lemmon Thorpe**, was born July 14, 1878 at Conrad Grove, Iowa. He attended schools at Ulysses, Nebraska and taught for a time in rural schools. Mr. Thorpe served in the Spanish American War with an Iowa Infantry regiment. He and **Lenora Tallman** were married October 22, 1903. She preceded him in death June 28, 1953.

Surviving are three sons, **Ralph**, DeWitt; **John**, Kansas City, Mo.; and **Raymond** of Des Moines; a daughter, Mrs. **Louise Lynch**, Littleton, Colorado, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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*This should be Lenore Tallman*

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