

the period of its most arduous service. He won the confidence and affectionate regard of the soldiers, and the survivors of that famous command revere his memory. Dr. Hoffmeister, aside from his medical knowledge, was one of the most cultured men in our State. He was well informed in botany, geology, paleontology, and natural history. "He left the world better than he found it." We have condensed this notice from one of some length, by his life-long friend, Dr. J. M. Shaffer, which appeared in *The Gale City*, of Keokuk, May 20, 1896.

B. F. MILLER, whose death occurred at Webster City, May, 31, 1896, was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, February 11, 1833. He was of Scotch-English descent and a man of sterling worth. He was married to Rebecca Whitlock, September 5, 1859. One son, Homer A., and one daughter, now Mrs. Grace Brown, with four grand children are left to mourn his death. Mr. Miller was an example of a class of men, who, without early advantages, win success by unaided effort. Beginning at an early age to work for low wages, by sagacity and business management he became an honored business man, helpful to his friends and a benefit to the community. In early business life, he was for a time a merchant. In 1867 he removed from Indiana to Webster City, where he engaged in the banking business in which he was successful, becoming a leading citizen of Hamilton county. While attending the Columbian Exposition in 1893 he contracted a cold which resulted in pneumonia, and later in Bright's disease, from which he died.

COL. EDWIN F. HOOKER, a former resident of Iowa, died in Omaha, Nebraska, June, 5, 1896, at the age of 53. He came from his former home, Columbus, Ohio, to Des Moines, in 1855, to assume the management of the Western Stage Company. The building of railroads in the east caused the stage business to push westward and Mr. Hooker was sent to Des Moines as manager of the offices of the Company. He thus became identified with the interests of Iowa. For ten years he was a leading citizen of Des Moines. His residence was where the Savery House now stands. When railroads were built, and the stage business was pushed westward, Col. Hooker went farther west, continuing the management of stage affairs until the business was largely superseded by railroads in the far west. He then removed from the Pacific coast and settled in Omaha where he engaged in railroading, as general agent for a time and then as stock agent. He was a very popular man and had a wide acquaintance. Several years ago, on account of advancing age he gave up active business. His remains were brought to Des Moines for interment.

W. J. YOUNG, died at Clinton, Iowa, June, 8, 1896. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1827, and came to Clinton in 1858. Before coming to Iowa he was general freight agent of the Cincinnati, Logansport and Chicago railway. In August, 1866, he erected a large saw-mill, which later was enlarged until it was said to be the largest mill in the world. He did an extensive business and employed many men. He was engaged in rafting and introduced the present method of towing rafts. He was also engaged in banking and had a wide range of business. His great financial success was due to indomitable energy and perseverance. His donations to public purposes in Clinton were many, and he was a liberal contributor to private charities. Among his public gifts the following may be mentioned: The Y. M. C. A. building and grounds, valued at

\$20,000; Esther Young Chapel to the M. E. Church; a large donation to Cornell (Mt. Vernon) College; and a bell for the M. E. Church, Lyons. He enjoyed the highest respect and confidence of the community in which he lived. The death of such a man is a great public loss; but his good works will survive for many generations.

JOSEPH K. HORNISH, a long-time resident of Keokuk, died on the 25th of March, at Layton, Colorado. We compile the following facts relating to the pioneer life of Mr. Hornish from Dr. J. M. Shaffer's sketch of him in *The Keokuk Gate City*: He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania in 1821. He was educated for the ministry, and in 1848 was ordained pastor of a Baptist church at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. From there he was called to South Pittsburg where he preached until his voice failed, when he came west, settling at Keokuk in October, 1850. He became a prominent lawyer, taking an active part in the organization of various railroad enterprises in that part of the State. He was a war Democrat, and in 1864 was the candidate of his party for Congress against the late James F. Wilson. In 1874 he began to give his time to literary pursuits, writing much on Egyptology. The great pyramids were to him a divine system of mathematics, which he delighted to demonstrate in lectures. He removed to Colorado several years ago.

FRANCIS GUITTAR, the oldest resident of Council Bluffs, died there on the 25th of April. He was born in St. Louis in 1809. He entered the service of the old American Fur Company at the age of 14, continuing in that work until 1850, when he engaged in merchandising on his own account in Council Bluffs. When he first visited that locality, it was known as Trader's Point and afterwards as Kanesville. He was there when the Indian Agency was established in 1838, and during the days of the Mormon occupation. It is stated that he was the especial friend of the Pawnee Indians, whom he once led in a battle with the Sioux, at which time he was wounded. He saw the growth of Council Bluffs from the time it contained but one or two log cabins and a few tents, until the time of his death.

HARRIET W. BRANDT, a native of the State of Ohio, wife of Hon. Isaac Brandt of Des Moines, died at her home on the 29th of March, aged 67. On the 1st of November, 1849, she married Isaac Brandt, a neighbor and schoolmate from childhood. In 1857 they settled in Des Moines and made their home on the corner of Twelfth Street and Grand Avenue, but one block from the State House. There they lived up to the time of Mrs. Brandt's death. Her life was filled with good works, and she enjoyed the sincere respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brandt, entertained John Brown and his men, when they were on their way from Kansas to the east.

MRS. ELIZABETH ZHORN, died May 3, in Iowa City, aged 90 years and 11 months. She was one of the pioneers of Johnson county, where she settled in 1839, and where her son, J. G. Zhorn, well known in newspaper circles throughout the state, was born. He was one of the first white children born in the county. Her husband, James Zhorn, assisted in laying the corner stone of the old capitol, now the central building of the State University, July 4, 1839. Mrs. Zhorn retained her health and vigor until five years ago. An attack of the grip left her in a low condition of health from which she never recovered.

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