

Mustered Out.

The Courier has to chronicle this week the death of one of our most highly respected and pioneer citizens, William A. Kingsley, which occurred at the Kingsley home west of town last Thursday evening. The deceased was only real sick about one week prior to his death, and even then and also on the day that he died he was able to get up and sit in his chair. He had been feeling unwell for a number of weeks and his many friends noticed that his health was failing. His death was the result of a complication of diseases. The evening he died he was conscious of everything going on, and five minutes before he passed away he told his wife to place the hot soapstones at his feet, she did so and turned to leave the room when she heard him make a peculiar noise and going back to his bedside she found that the old soldier and patriot had answered his last roll call and had been mustered out to join the vast army of his comrades who had gone to the great beyond.

William A. Kingsley was born at Lebanon, N. Y., April 12, 1833, and would have been 66 years old next April. He was a union soldier and took up arms for the preservation of the union on Sept. 15, 1862, enlisting in the First New York Artillery. After serving five months and thirteen days he was honorable discharged on account of injury. He was mustered into the G. A. R. on July 25th, 1887. The deceased with his family moved from Michigan to Griggs county in 1883, where he opened up his farm and has resided up to his demise. He leaves a widow and four children. The children are Mrs. Helen M. Sanford, of Valley City; Mrs. J. E. Sutton and Mrs. J. W. Wilsie, both residents of Griggs county, and his only son, Frank. The funeral was held last Saturday, Rev. B. A. Burns officiating, who preached a very appropriate sermon. The pall bearers—named by the deceased before he died—were six old veterans, as follows: Augustus Haskell, Geo. N. Stork, David Ward, C. H. Johnson, Oscar D. Purinton and B. B. Brown. These old comrades performed the last sad rites for the departed veteran whose remains were laid to rest in the Cooperstown cemetery. In the death of William A. Kingsley Griggs county loses one of its pioneer farmers and best citizens. A kind and indulgent husband and father, splendid neighbor and citizen—a man who will be generally missed and mourned. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends.