

Notable Deaths

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that of rescuing fallen women. She founded the Benedict Home at Des Moines, and also the Benedict Retreat at Decorah. In religious belief she was a Friend.

LOUIS S. SWAFFORD was born in Indiana, October 31, 1818; he died in Iowa City, November 15, 1899. Mr. Swafford was one of the oldest pioneers of Iowa City, having located there in 1840. He was a skilled builder and was at one time employed in the erection of the old capitol. His workmanship is seen in the best buildings in that city. He assisted in 1866 in organizing the Johnson County Old Settlers' Association. A Mason of high standing, he was present at the organization of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1844. He had held many offices of trust in the city and township.

JAMES DUNNE a prominent citizen of Jackson county, died at his home in Otter Creek, December 5, 1899. He was born in Ireland, January 21, 1823. came to America in 1843, and in 1854 settled in Jackson county. He was recognized as one of the leading Democrats of the State, and was once offered the Democratic nomination for governor, which he declined. For twenty years he served on the board of county supervisors, and was a member of the Thirteenth General Assembly of Iowa, in which he bore a notable part as a friend of the project to erect the new capitol.

MRS. MARY ISETT SPRAGUE, the wife of Hon. D. N. Sprague, died at her home in Wapello, Iowa, October 29, 1899. She was born in Noblestown, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1840. Her parents were among the pioneer settlers of Wapello and it was in that place that her life was spent. She was widely known and universally esteemed by the pioneer settlers of the region in which she became well known. Every judge in what was the old first district, where her husband served for years as district attorney, adjourned court out of respect for her memory.

JOHN H. GIVEN, a pioneer resident of Des Moines, Iowa, died at his home December 9, 1899. He was born in West Virginia, October 27, 1820. In 1845 he removed to Iowa, living in Lee and later in Wapello county. He came to Des Moines in 1851, where he has since resided. Mr. Given has been prominent in business circles and has served on the city council and as a member of the West Des Moines school board. He was the father of Mrs. Pauline Given Swalm, the distinguished Iowa journalist.

JOHN W. PALMER was born in Christian county, Kentucky, August 3, 1814; he died in Dubuque, Iowa, December 30, 1899. He came with his father on a flatboat from Cincinnati to Galena in 1828. His father dying soon after, the boy went to Jackson, Illinois, where he remained until the Black Hawk war, in which he served as a volunteer. After the war he settled in Dubuque where he resided until his death. It is believed that Mr. Palmer was the last survivor of the early settlers of the lead mine region.

DR. ALONZO W. CANTWELL was born in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1841; he died in Davenport, Iowa, November 22, 1899. He came to Davenport early in 1869, and was for thirty years one of the leading physicians of Scott county, and closely identified with the interests of Davenport, a worker for its sanitary improvement. He served on the city council in 1880-82. A member of the leading medical associations of the country, he was honored by them with various official positions.

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