

JOHN HENRY SMITH

Senator Greenell, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of Col. John Henry Smith, late of Clinton county, Iowa, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Col. John Henry Smith was born in Albany county, New York, March 19, 1827, and died at his home at Camanche, Iowa, August 26, 1919.

He was of German ancestry, his grandparents having emigrated to America from Germany. His father died when he was a lad, and in his early manhood, after completing his education, which he procured through his own efforts, he removed to Michigan, then west to Illinois, where he learned the trade of a machinist.

Col. Smith entered the employ of what is now the Chicago & Northwestern, and was a locomotive engineer on that line when Dixon, Illinois, was its western terminus.

In 1851, in the state of Illinois, he was united in marriage with Emily P. Cooley, daughter of Thomas and Ann Cooley, natives of Connecticut. A year after his marriage he quit railroading, and with his wife came to Clinton county and settled on a farm in Center township.

The death of Col. Smith marks the passing of the last line officer of Crocker's famous fighting brigade, which helped to make history during the Civil War.

It is said of Col. Smith that he literally left his plow in the field when Fort Sumpter was fired upon. He recruited a company which became Company A of the Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned as its captain. Later he was promoted to the rank of major, and in the course of time became colonel of the regiment, which was mustered out after the grand review in Washington at the close of the war at which time he commanded the famous regiment of Iowa fighting men.

Col. Smith was captured by the confederates at the battle of Atlanta, and confined in several Southern prisons, where he endured great hardships before making his escape with a few of his comrades and rejoining his command. He was voted a medal by congress for gallant action and meritorious services.

In politics, Col. Smith was a Republican and held several offices of trust in his local community. He served as a state senator from the Twenty-second Senatorial District, comprised of Clinton county, in the Eleventh and Twelfth General Assemblies.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Senate of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of Col. John Henry Smith, the state and community where he lived, have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the Senate and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the son of the deceased.

W. J. GREENELL,
D. W. KIMBERLY,
CHAS. M. DUTCHER,

The resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

WILLIAM EATON

Senator Föskett, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character and services of William Eaton of Fremont county, beg leave to submit the following report:

Senator Eaton was an Iowa product. He was born in Lee county, October 9, 1849, and died at his home in Sidney, Fremont county, Iowa, on December 3, 1920, aged 71 years.

The early years of his life were spent in Lee county. He was one of seven children; and, as his mother was left a widow while he was quite young, he early had heavy responsibilities to assume and some quite heavy burdens to bear. Nevertheless, he had the desire and found the time to attend the public schools of his day and generation and later the Denmark academy, from which he graduated in due time. Later he taught school and then yielded to the lure of the law profession, graduating from the law school of Iowa state university after taking a full course there in 1874.

He was married to Miss Annie E. Grundy of Morrisonville, Ill., August 4, 1874. To this union three children were born: Edgar, who died in infancy, Elmer E. and Mrs. Lillian Gore, both of whom reside in Sidney, and who with the widowed wife and mother survive to mourn the loss.

Immediately after his marriage, Senator Eaton came with his wife to Sidney in Fremont county, where he has resided ever since. He at once directed his attention to the practice of law and continued in the same without intermission until the spring of 1917 when failing health made it imperative that he should go to the hospital where he underwent a critical operation from which he never fully recovered. His law business was one of the most extensive in that part of the state; nevertheless, he found time to combine with it the pursuit of farming and the fortunes