

citizen of Burlington, locating there in 1867 and for many years he was the editor and publisher of the daily and weekly Burlington Gazette, one of the leading journals of his party in the state.

Through the strength of his individuality and his ability he was largely instrumental in shaping the doctrines of his party and the policies of his state, as well as being a tower of strength to his home city. Ever loyal to his friends and the interests of his community. Born amid the environments of the sturdy New Englanders in the state of New Hampshire in 1826, he developed that strength of manhood; that love for liberty; that noble Christian character that fitted him for the calling he followed with such ability during the greater part of his years of maturity. Early in life he entered the ranks of Journalism and continued in this profession until he reached the end of his earthly pilgrimage at the ripe old age of seventy-eight.

A man of positive convictions and with high ideals of right he left his imprint on the community in which he resided. Though active in the ranks of his party he seldom ever sought political honors and his election to the legislature was purely a compliment to his long continued service and as such he accepted his seat in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly. He discharged his duties as a lawmaker with credit to himself and honor to the state. In the death of Chas. I. Barker one of the sturdy pioneers that did so well their part in moulding into form the development of our state, passed away, thus decreasing the ranks that grow thinner with each recurring year.

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#### HON. WILLIAM TAYLOR.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Honorable William Taylor, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, Honorable William Taylor, an honored member of the Nineteenth General Assembly of Iowa, from Fayette county died at his home there on May 17, 1904; and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to entitle him to the respect and esteem of all who knew him, his attainments and success so conspicuous as to be an incentive to all men to be upright, pure and true, and his services to the State and county of such a character as to command the confidence and gratitude of his fellow citizens; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in his death his family are bereft of a kind and loving husband and father; his friends, an honorable, upright Christian gentleman, and the State an influential citizen. That our hearts are touched with sadness because of his death and we extend our sympathy to his family in their bereavement. Be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered on the Journal of the House, and that the chief clerk be instructed to send a copy of same to the family of deceased.

J. D. SHAFFER,  
WILLIAM S. HAET,  
A. JACOBSON,

## REMARKS BY MR. SHAFFER.

On the morning of May 17, 1904, the inhabitants of Fayette, Iowa, were saddened by the news that one of its most respected and honored citizens, William Taylor, had gone to his reward. Many realize the irreparable loss to the community, the school and the church.

William Taylor was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 22, 1831. Eliza Gilchrist Taylor, his mother, was of Scotch descent; his father, James Taylor, a native of Maryland, was of English ancestry. When William was a lad of four years of age, the family moved from Ohio to Indiana, where he grew to manhood.

On June 10, 1854, he was married to Miss Harriet Walker, who has been a very devoted and helpful wife.

In 1857, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor with one child came to Fayette county, and settled on a farm in Harlan township, which farm he developed until it became one of the model farms of that section.

In 1890, in order to enjoy the advantages of a college town, they moved to Fayette, the site of the Upper Iowa University, where he resided until his death. When his sun was but little past its meridian the call came and;

“Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams,”

he passed away.

Though William Taylor led an active and strenuous life, yet he was never too busy to take an active interest in public affairs; he was identified with every enterprise for the benefit of his fellow citizens, and was especially interested in the welfare of the agricultural classes. Many were the positions of public trust and confidence which he ably filled. He served several times as township trustee, and as county supervisor. In 1832, he was elected to the State Legislature, where he distinguished himself for his good common sense and sound judgment.

Though he had but meagre advantages for an education, he fully appreciated its benefits and was a firm advocate of higher education. For thirty-nine years he was an honored member of the Board of Trustees of Upper Iowa University; to this institution he cheerfully devoted both time and money.