

Senator Whipple left surviving him his widow, formerly Jennie E. Keith, an adult son, Milo, and a little daughter, Virginia, to all of whom he was deeply devoted and to whom his untimely death was a heavy crushing blow.

We, his colleagues, who knew him so well and loved him so much, do therefore resolve that in his death there has been taken out of the life of the community one of its most exalted citizens; out of the life of the state one of its most conspicuously efficient public servants and out of Senate itself a legislator who gave the best that was in him to his colleagues without stint or hesitancy and with never a thought as to where credit would rest.

We, therefore, recommend that this memorial be printed in our Journal and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an engrossed copy of the same to the family of our deceased friend.

ASA L. AMES,
SHIRLEY GILLILLAND,
JOHN L. WILSON,

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

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

To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Hon. Henry Clay Traverse, one of the pioneer residents of Davis County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, Judge Henry C. Traverse, of Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa, departed this life September 24th, 1909, and

Whereas, He was an honored member of the House of Representatives of the Eleventh General Assembly and of the Senate in the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Eighteenth General Assemblies of the State of Iowa. In the year 1862 he, enlisted in Co. "F" of the 30th Iowa Infantry, after three years' army service he was honorably discharged and returned to Bloomfield, and began the practice of law, and in the year 1889 was elected circuit judge of the Second Judicial District of Iowa. In 1886 district judge, holding those responsible offices with marked ability for fourteen consecutive years, and

Whereas, his life, character, and services to the state and country were such as to entitle him to the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens;

Therefore, be it resolved that in the death of the Hon. Henry C. Traverse the state of Iowa has lost a distinguished legislator, jurist, and patriotic citizen, his city and county a prominent, active, energetic Christian gentleman and his family a kind and indulgent husband and father, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved companion and children and those near and dear to him our sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary of Senate be instructed to mail an egrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the decedent.

L. L. TAYLOR,
P. M. JEWELL,
THOS. H. SMITH,

Committee.

Senator Taylor, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke as follows:

Mr. President: Having known Hon. Henry C. Traverse since I was a small boy and having resided in adjoining counties and, as it were, being neighbors in our boyhood days, I will ask the indulgence of the Senate while I pay a brief tribute to the memory of one of the early pioneers and respected citizens of the State of Iowa. One who has occupied a conspicuous place among the business men of the State of Iowa for nearly one-half of a century, as a soldier, statesman, patriot, Jurist, business man and philanthropist he was equally great.

Hon. Henry Clay Traverse was born August 28th, 1839. When only four years of age and after the death of his father, he came with his mother to Monroe County, Iowa, a few years later moving to Davis county, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. In early manhood he studied law, his chosen profession, and was admitted to the bar in 1862 at Bloomfield, Iowa. But soon after his admission to the bar the clouds of war hovering over his country, he enlisted in Co. F. of the 30th Iowa infantry of which he was made Orderly Sergeant in which capacity he served during the war, that regiment being attached to the 15th Army Corps, commanded by General Sherman and afterward by Gen. Logan. Mr. Traverse participated in a number of the most important battles of the war such as Haynes Bluff, Arkansas Roost, the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge. Upon his discharge from the service he returned to Bloomfield, Iowa, and entered the law practice and in a short time built up a thriving business.

Judge Traverse was a man respected by all men who knew him. He had been a prominent figure in the affairs of Southern Iowa for many years and had served with honor on the bench for fourteen years. He was a student of men and books and sought always to learn the way of the truth. He exemplified a life that makes the world brighter and life better worth the living.

Mr. Traverse's home life was ideal because love reigned there and inspired every word and act spoken and done by husband and father. He was a devout student of God's word and a man of prayer. He will be remembered as a humble and sincere Christian man, devoted to the interests of the church, both temporal and spiritual. His last testimony to those about him during the last days of his illness was a triumphant hope and faith in the fullness of the promises of the gospel of Christ. In all the circles of society in which he has moved for fifty years, Judge Traverse will be missed.