

DEATH OF J. B. STUTSMAN.

The above named well known pioneer of this city died very suddenly at his home at an early hour Tuesday. He had been very frail for several years, but had been able to be about the house in the usual way up to very near the hour of his death. Death was due primarily to old age and its infirmities.

The funeral was held at the Congregational church today, conducted by the pastor and Rev. George Rice of Council Bluffs, an old time friend of the family.

Mr. Stutsman was born in Dayton, O., Dec. 27, 1819, hence at death was two days more than 89 years of age. He grew up in his native town, and at the age of twenty came west to St. Joseph, Mo. Seven years later he came to Florence, Neb., near Omaha, and the same year located at Council Bluffs, then called Kaneshville. Here he entered the mercantile business (this being in 1848) and continued through the time of the Mormon hejira and the rush to California in '49.

During the rush west he took the fever, and going to the coast, spent seven years in placer mining on White River, Oregon. He was reasonably successful there, and returning to Iowa, resumed his mercantile business at Council Bluffs.

He came to Harlan about 1872 and entered the mercantile business, in which he continued until advancing years made it desirable to retire. He owned the Stutsman block and other properties in Harlan.

He was married in 1849 at St. Joseph, Mo., to Miss Sarah T. Sargeant. Eight children were born to them, but only three grew to maturity. Mrs. Mary Allen, a daughter, who has been his company for the past several years, alone of all the family survives him.

Mr. Stutsman was the sort of man you would expect such a hardy pioneer to be. He was a kindly man, hospitable, and it was a pleasure to know him. Especially was it a pleasure to listen to his story of the early days, and to get from him a knowledge at first hands of the sort of men and society which then existed.