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OBITUARY.

The Dyersville (Iowa) News-Letter pays the following tribute to the late Robert Whitting who recently died at the home of one of his children in this city:

Mr. Robert Whitting, father of Frank Whitting of this city, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Talbot, at Winona, Minn., after an illness of several months' duration, on Wednesday, August 3, 1898. Deceased was well known to all the early settlers of Dyersville, having come to our city in its very infancy. He took a great interest in the progress of the town. By his business ability he helped to make Dyersville what it is to-day—a beautiful city. He passed the limit of age allotted to man—three score years and ten—and had he lived a few short months longer he would have reached the four score mark, and when the thread of life was finely severed so quietly did his soul wing its flight to that home beyond, toward which he had looked with longing and hope, that he seemed falling to sleep.

Mr. Whitting was born at Allerton, Somersetshire, England, in the year 1818, where he passed his boyhood days and grew to manhood. In 1837 he married Miss Hannah Burnett of Blackford, Somersetshire. In the year 1849 Mr. and Mrs. Whitting emigrated to America and came direct to Dyersville, where they made their home. Mrs. Whitting died in the year 1879. Since the death of his wife Mr. Whitting has made his home with his daughters, Mrs. Fred Talbot in St. Charles, and Mrs. Geo. Talbot in Winona. The fruits of their marriage were ten children, seven of whom are living, together with seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A brother and sister also survive him, Mr. Joseph Whitting of Alta, Iowa, and Mrs. Wm. Hatch of Farley, this county, who were both present at the funeral. His children now living are Mrs. Geo. Talbot and Mrs. F. B. Jackson of Winona, Minn., Mrs. Fred Talbot of St. Charles, Minn., Mrs. Walter Watts and Mrs. Frank Evans of Early Iowa, Mrs. William Duckett of Alta, Iowa, and Frank Whitting, of Dyersville.

Funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Talbot at Winona on Friday morning by Rev. Kerfoot of the Methodist church, where the many friends of the family paid their last tribute of respect, after which the remains were taken to Dyersville for interment.

Upon arrival here the remains were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitting, where funeral services were again held, conducted by Rev. James Hill of the Baptist church of Cascade. His remains were laid to rest in the Rockville cemetery by the side of his beloved wife, who preceded him to the grave nineteen years. The respect in which the family is held was shown by the large concourse of sympathizing friends who met at the home and followed his remains to their last resting place.

The relatives present at the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Talbot of Winona, Minn., Mrs. Fred Talbot of St. Charles, Minn., Mr. Wm. Duckett, of Alta, Iowa, Mrs. Frank Evans and Mrs. Walter Watts of Early, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hatch of Farley, Mr. Joseph Whitting, of Alta, Iowa.