

## **BENJ. PICKFORD DEAD**

**Apr 6, 1822 - May 27, 1896**

A telegram from Nora Springs, Ia. announcing the death of Mr. Benjamin Pickford was received by relatives here on Thursday morning. As no previous intimation had been received by members of the family, the news came as a cruel, crushing blow to the children here, who could hardly realize that father, kind loving and beloved father, had passed away and that never again in this world would they see his smiling face or hear his pleasant voice.

For some years he lived among us during which time he was superintendent of the Monticello Woolen Mills, which prospered greatly under his wise management, and when he decided to give up his position in the mills and try his fortune in the farming business in Iowa, the company, by an offer of a higher salary, tried to persuade him to remain, but having made up his mind to go, he, with his family, located near Nora Springs, Iowa, where he continued to reside until his death.

We have not the data at hand, at present, to write his biography, as we should like to do, but suffice it to say that a man of strong convictions, a man of great moral worth, a man upon whose word all could rely and a man whose honesty was never for a moment called into question, has gone out from among the living and passed into a peaceful and eternal rest.

The sympathy of the entire community is with the family so suddenly bereaved, and may the memories of their father's love and affection be always with them, to comfort and to cheer them in the years that are to come.