

A history of Howard county Iowa

Potter, Jonathan S. 1825 - 1910

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From the Scrapbook of Newspaper Articles by Mrs. Lilliam Wheeler

Mr. J. S. Potter was born in New York May 15, 1825; died at Riceville, Iowa, Nov. 2, 1910, aged 85 years, 5 months, 13 days.

When six years of age he moved with his parents to Ohio. At the age of 25 was married to Miss Sally Phillipot. Moved to Wisconsin, which he removed, in the spring of 1856 to Howard county, Iowa.

In 1877 he was married to Miss A. B. Wells. Was converted in 1888 and united with the Congregationalist church, of which he has been an acceptable member.

He will be greatly missed by the relatives who mourn his loss, and the many friends who know him as one of the old settlers.

Second obit:

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JONATHAN S. POTTER

On Tuesday of last week, Nov. 2, 1910, occurred the death of another of the pioneer residents of Howard county and of Riceville, Jonathan S. Potter, a short notice of which was made in last week's recorder.

Mr. Potter came to Howard county from Wisconsin in 1856, which with the time spent in Riceville would make him a resident of fifty-three years standing. During this time he was engaged in various enterprises in Howard County, in Cresco and in Riceville.

Arriving in 1856 he settled on a farm in Howard county, following that occupation until 1878, at which time he moved to Cresco and operated a meat shop there for about three years, coming to Riceville in 1881 and embarking in the mercantile business, running a general store up to the time when the railroad was put through. About that time **S. A. Hubbell** became partner in the business. During this partnership Mr. Potter had secured the Adams interests in the creamery and operated that.

Potter & Hubbell continued business for three or four years, when C. F. Bartlett bought the **Hubbell** interest in the firm.

Later J. S. Potter sold to F. W. Taber. Six months later the partnership of J. S. Potter & Son was formed, C. G. Potter being the junior partner. In 1901 this firm was burned out in the Riceville fire and the senior Mr. Potter retired from active business.