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JAMES BLAIR GONE

Three years or more of the unequal struggle with tuberculosis ended in the victory of the disease last Saturday morning when James Blair passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Harris, near Andover.

Everything possible was done to check the ravages of the disease. In its early stages the best specialists in the cities were consulted, and the past winter was spent in the dryer altitude of the southwest. But all to no avail. When brought back to South Dakota a few weeks since, it was known that the end was near. Funeral services occurred yesterday afternoon at 2:00 at the M. E. Church, and the body was laid to rest in the Union cemetery.

He was nearly forty-three years of age, and being among the earlier settlers of this locality, had lived here since boyhood, and was counted a first class citizen and a successful farmer. A widow and two children, a boy and a girl, besides many other relatives survive him.

Until the disease began its work he was a most vigorous specimen of sound manhood, always genial and with a hopeful view of life, won the success which goes with intelligent effort and consistent industry.