

## DAYTON, SETH H.

### Birth

January 31, 1827 in  
New York



### Death

January 21, 1895 in street  
at 728 East Court Ave.,  
Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

### Cause of Death

Probably his heart

### Cemetery Lot

Buried on W ½ Lot 29  
Lot was purchased by Mr. Dayton's family on April 13, 1895

### Father

Henry Dayton

### Mother

Almeda Champion

### Marriage

Iowa select marriages Index, 1758 – 1996

Seth H. Dayton to Mary Gardiner on March 6, 1860

### Census

1830 –  
1840 –

1850 – Braceville, Grundy Co., Illinois; Page 188A; Oct 14, 1850  
Dwelling 9; Family 9

Dayton, Seth H.	24	Real estate, \$800	NY
Loraine	24		NY
Isabel	01		IL

1854 – Seth H. Dayton had 360 acres of land in Section 14 and 15 in Beaver Twp., Dallas Co., Iowa

1856 – Des Moines Twp., Dallas Co., IA; Page 250

Dayton, S. H.	28	farmer	NY
Lorane	30	in Iowa 2 years	VT
Isabel	07		
R.	05		
Franklin	03		

1860 – Des Moines Twp., Dallas Co., IA; Page 8; June 8, 1860; Post Office, Henia Dwelling 97; Family 99

Dayton, Seth H.	35	farmer	NY
		Real estate \$2000; personal \$950	
Mary	20		Canada
Ellen A.	09		IL
Franklin P.	07		IL

1870 – Beaver Twp., Dallas Co., IA; Page 528B; Post Office, Perry, IA; June 23, 1870 Dwelling 23; Family 22

Dayton, Seth H.	42	farmer	NY
		Real estate \$8000; personal \$2470	
Mary	29		Canada
Frank B.	17		IL
Adalaide	07		IA
Herod	06		IA
Eva	04		IA
Jane	03		IA
Gardner, Thomas	24		Canada
Dorcas	21	teacher	Canada

1880 – Beaver Twp., Dallas Co., IA; ED 47; Page 170A; June 23, 1880 Dwelling 68; Family 69

Dayton, Seth H.	53	farmer	NY	SCOT	VA
Mary	40		CAN	IRE	IRE
Addie	17		IA	NY	CAN
Herrod K.	16		IA	NY	CAN
F. Ava	15		IA	NY	CAN
James A.	14		IA	NY	CAN
T. J.	10		IA	NY	CAN
Minie	06		IA	NY	CAN
John R.	05		IA	NY	CAN
McDuffy, John	19	farm labor	IA	TN	IL

1885 –

1895 – 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, South Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; Page 10; Roll 87

Family 51

Dayton, Mary G.	55	housekeeper	Canada
Minnie B.	21	keep house	Dallas Co., IA
John I	20	farmer	Dallas Co., IA
Henry	14		DallasCo., IA

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U. S. Civil War Draft Registration

Walnut Twp., Dallas CO., Iowa, 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, Class 2

No.63

June 5, 1863

Dayton, Seth H.	37	Farmer	NY
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Obituary

[The Daily Iowa Capital, Monday, January 21, 1895]

S. H. Dayton of Valley Junction dropped dead about 11:45 this morning in the alley in the rear of 728 East Court Avenue, where he had gone to deliver a load of wood to R. C. Johnson, ex-chief of the fire department.

He was a man probably over 70 years of age and was identified by Coroner Graessly by a number of letters found on his person.

The first report was that he had fallen and broken his neck, but later and apparently more correct information states that Dayton had been to the house to inquire where the wood should be put. Mrs. Johnson indicated the place and he went back to the wagon to drive around and finish the work. Apparently, he had been in the act of mounting the wagon by way of the doubletrees and tongue when he fell dead, almost under the horses' feet and between the team and the wagon, in which position he was found. The report that Dayton's neck had been broken was disproved by the coroner when he made an examination, finding it to be still perfectly intact. Fuller investigation as to the probable causes of Dayton's death disclosed the fact that there was an injury immediately over the heart apparently of long standing and possibly contracted during the war. This, according to Coroner Grassley's theory, accounts for his sudden taking off, probably being an affection of the heart.

Dayton is a man apparently past 70 years of age, has a face that in death, white as his hair and beard, looks pleasant and indicates that transition with him was peaceful and painless.

The coroner impaneled a jury composed of Charles E. Rossiter, Edwin Grinnell and L. W. Smith, who viewed the remains and adjourned to meet at the city hall at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and hold an inquest.

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[Valley Junction Express, Friday, January 25, 1895]

Seth H. Dayton of Valley Junction Drops Dead

He lived just south of Valley Junction and was well known.

While delivering a load of wood in East Des Moines Monday, Mr. Dayton dropped dead on the street. The Capital in speaking of his death says, "The first report was that he had fallen and broken his neck, but later and apparently more correct information states that Dayton had been to the house to inquire where the wood should be put. Mrs. Johnson indicated the place and he went back to the wagon to drive around and finish the work. Apparently he had been in the act of mounting the wagon by way of the doubletrees and tongue when he fell dead, almost under the horses' feet and between the team and the wagon, in which position he was found. Fuller investigation as to the probable causes of Dayton's death disclosed the fact that there was an injury immediately over the heart apparently of long standing and possibly contracted during the war. Dayton is a man apparently 70 years of age, has a face that in death, white as his hair and beard, looks pleasant and indicates that transition with him was peaceful and painless."

Mr. Dayton was well known in Valley Junction and during the winter has been engaged in clearing the timber from the newly opened road to the new Valley Junction bridge across the Raccoon river. He was living on a farm included in the Brown estate. The Perry Reporter says that Mr. Dayton lived near Perry for a number of years and that at one time he was a prosperous farmer, but became enthused over race horses, and at one time in a race on a track just west of town it is said that he staked nearly everything he had and lost.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. A. Wright, of the Valley Junction M. E. church, on Wednesday and the remains of the deceased conveyed to the Pleasant Ridge cemetery, near the Polk County Farm, where he was peacefully interred.

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[Plain Talk, Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday, January 16, 1895, Page 1]

S. H. Dayton, residing near Valley Junction, was found dead near his wagon and team at East Walnut and Seventh streets, Monday forenoon. It is thought that he had fallen while trying to climb on his wagon which was loaded with wood. Mr. Dayton was 68 years old and leaves a wife.

Misc.

Certificate: 4324

Whereas Seth H. Dayton of Grundy County, Illinois has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office, at Fort Des Moines whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Seth H. Dayton according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1820, entitled "An act making further provisions for the sale of the Public Lands," for the West half of the Sth East quarter of Section fifteen, in Township eighty one North, of Range twenty seven West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, containing eighty acres. According to the official plot of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Seth H. Dayton.

Now Know Ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, Have Given and Granted, and by these presents Do Give and Grant, unto the said Seth H. Dayton and to his heirs,

the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Seth H. Daton and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Franklin Pierce, President of The United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the first day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five and of the Independence of the United States the seventy ninth – By the President Franklin Pierce, by H. E. Baldwin, Recorder of the General Land Offices.