

DEATH OF AN EARLY SETTLER.

Wimbledon News: On Monday morning about 10 o'clock occurred the death of Matthew Arms at his home eight miles south of Wimbledon after a short illness with consumption. Mr. Arms recently returned from a trip to Colorado Springs where he spent a few weeks in hopes of bettering his health, but the doctor there told him there was no hope and advised him to return to his home here, which he did some two weeks ago. The best of care was given him by the family, friends, and a trained nurse. He realized the end was near and talked with his wife concerning the farm property, also the arrangements for his funeral, the day before his death. It is not known at this writing whether he made a will, but from the conversation he had with his wife shortly before his death, it is not believed he did.

Mr. Arms came to North Dakota twenty-four years ago and filed on a homestead where the farm buildings now stand. He was considered one of the best farmers in his neighborhood, a man of excellent character, good judgment and admired by all who knew him. For two years past he faithfully served the people of his community as postmaster, and superintended his farming interests, which consists of seven quarter sections of land. He leaves the family a beautiful home and well provided for.

The funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the home, when Rev. Sanlader spoke a few words of comfort to the family, after which the procession moved to Wimbledon and services were held in the German Reform church, Revs. Salander and Hewson officiating. The floral tributes were beautiful, and the procession which followed the remains to the cemetery was the largest ever witnessed on any like occasion in Wimbledon. The local lodge I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body at the church and headed the procession to the grave.