

Death Claims

Wm. Howden

North Dakota Pioneer and Foremost Citizen of Community Answers Final Call Monday

William Howden passed away Monday at 3:18 a. m. of congestion of the lungs after a ten days illness. He was taken down Friday, April 25, while getting ready for a shipment of stock, and by Sunday his condition became so serious that his case was considered hopeless, although a day or so later he seemed to show a slight improvement. Everything possible was done in the way of medical attention, and a trained nurse was in charge of the patient from the first but seemingly he had not fully recovered from an illness a week or two previous. In his passing, the community has lost a man whose sterling character should be a shining example to every individual who knew him. Well principled, clean morally, a friend to everybody who knew him, and one whose word was as good as his bond, he was truly a man among men.

William Howden was born in Wentworth county Ontario December 2, 1850 and his age at the time of his death was 68 years, four months and 26 days. He was married December 21, 1874 to Sarah Ann Rutledge at Warwick, Ontario. To this union were born five children: Richard J. of St. Paul, Margaret Jane [Mrs. F. W. Rothert] of Minot, Samuel George of Clearfield township, Frank L., in Canadian army, at Ripon, England, and Edith Ellen [Mrs. W. A. Olmsted] of Robsart, Canada.

He moved to Griggs county and settled on the old homestead in the spring of 1883, where he lived until last fall, when he bought a residence and moved to Sutton.

His first wife died May 21, 1904, and he was married again to Alice Jane Nicoll, September 3 1907. She survives him, as well as three brothers, Samuel of Beach, N. D. James of Mossbank Sask. and B. N. of Sutton, and two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Nicoll of McHenry and Mrs. Andrew Hemerlin of Binford.

Mr. Howden was a charter member of Sutton lodge No. 147, I. O. O. F. in which order he was truly beloved and his advice and counsel always sought by the members on all matters pertaining to it.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church in Sutton Thursday, the services being conducted by Rev. A. M. Hewson, assisted by Rev. Bennett of Cooperstown. Burial was at Mildred Hartman cemetery, the lodge having charge of the ceremony at the grave.