

DEATH TAKES OLD CITIZEN

**"Grandma" Davidson Died Monday
Morning at Ripe Old Age
of Four Score.**

Elizabeth Ferguson Davidson was born February 18, 1839, at Chittering, West Australia. At the age of 17 she married John Davidson and went to Scotland where they made their home for 17 years. From there the family moved to Canada and lived in Langside, Ontario, where Mr. Davidson died in 1883. Mrs. Davidson then came to Sanborn where she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Maurer, and family, coming with them to Binford in 1899. While her health has been poorly for several years, she has been up and around much of the time. She became ill Sunday evening and died next morning at 7:10 o'clock, having passed her 80th birthday.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, six of whom are living. They are Alexander, in Oklahoma, John, near Toronto, Canada, William of Cooperstown, Thomas, of Sutton, Jean Ross, of Toronto, and Elizabeth Maurer of Binford. The eldest girl, Christine, died at Sanborn, James and Margeret in Scotland and Donald, the youngest, at Langside. Twenty-nine grand children and twenty-five great grandchildren also remain to mourn the death of "Grandma."

Since she left Australia 62 years ago, Mrs. Davidson has not seen any of her own immediate relatives, who have since died, she being the last member of the family.

"Grandma," as she was lovingly called by both friends and relatives, has lived a long, useful life, and died as she had lived; honored, trusted and loved. She was a woman of strong Christian character, a firm believer and a faithful follower of the teachings of the Bible. Her friends were legion. While she has continued to enjoy the society of her friends and children, she has for several years been failing. She realized too that her active life was over and often expressed the desire that she might be called to eternal rest.

Funeral services were held from the United Lutheran church Wednesday afternoon and interment made in the cemetery south of town. Rev. T. E. Sweger of Coopertown, officiated at the funeral. A large number of friends and relatives attended to do the last sad rites to their departed friend and loved one, and many beautiful floral offerings testified to the esteem in which she was held by all.