

Wm. Howden Dead.

William Howden, pioneer farmer, and one of the best known citizens of Griggs County, died at his home in Sutton, North Dakota, on Monday April 28th, 1919, at 3:18 a. m., from congestion of the lungs, the result of a cold contracted while taking a shipment of cattle to the St. Paul markets some three weeks previous.

Deceased had never before been sick a day in his life and felt that with his usually customary vigor he could easily throw off a cold, but about a week before his death, while preparing to load another shipment of cattle in Sutton, he complained of feeling worse, and went home to rest. The cold, which had developed into lung congestion, had reduced his vitality and he grew gradually weaker to the end, passing away quickly and without pain, surrounded by his wife, family and friends, at age of 68 years, 4 months and 26 days.

William Howden was born in Wentworth county, Ontario, Dec. 2, 1850, where he grew to manhood. On Dec. 21st, 1874, he was united in marriage at Warwick, Ontario, to Sarah Ann Rutledge, and to this union were born five children, Richard J., of St. Paul, Minn.; Jane (Mrs. F. W. Rothart) of Minot, N. D.; Samuel George, on the farm in Clearfield township; Frank L., in Canadian army at Ripon, England, and Edith Ellen, (Mrs. W. A. Olmsted) of Robsart, Sask.

In the spring of 1883, the family moved to the old homestead in Griggs county, where deceased had resided ever since; until last fall, when a home was purchased in Sutton and where he resided with his wife until death claimed him.

The first Mrs. Howden passed away on the old homestead May 21st 1904. On Sept. 3rd, 1907, deceased was married to Alice Jane Nicoll, who survives him, together with three brothers, Samuel, of Beach, N. D.; James, of Mossbank, S. D.; and B. N., of Mabel township; two sisters also survive, Mrs. J. L. Nicoll, of McHenry, and Mrs. Andrew Hemerlin, of Binford.

During the later years of his life, Mr. Howden had not devoted his exclusive attention to farming, but had engaged extensively in buying and shipping livestock, and in South St. Paul, as all over Griggs county he was a well known and familiar figure.

Fond of travel, Mr. and Mrs. Howden enjoyed many trips to points of interest in the west and south, and in other sections of the country, and deceased was one of our most widely traveled men.

His very strength and ruggedness may have been a contributing factor in his untimely death. Never sick a day in his life, when illness did come, he was unable to realize that his vigorous constitution was seriously impaired, hence neglected to properly care for himself, until too late. Two doctors and a trained nurse cared for him during the last week of his illness, and everything possible was done to bring him thru the crisis, but to no avail.

William Howden was one of the most substantial citizens of the county, and not the least of his public service was his untiring efforts as a Liberty loan worker, his district, Clearfield township, being the first to go over the top in both the third and fourth loan drives, due in a large measure to his energy and enthusiasm.

Another pioneer has gone to his long rest, a pioneer who has written into the history of Griggs county, by word or deed, one of its brightest pages, and one who had a large share in helping to develop our splendid county from a raw prairie to the garden spot it now is.

The memory of Mr. Howden will long remain fragrant in the hearts of Griggs county people and will long serve as an inspiration to those who follow after him.—Sentinel-Courier.