

Jack Nicoll Is Dead.

John Nicoll of McHenry died at Rochester, Minn., last Friday after an operation had been performed upon him for cancer, at the Mayo hospital.

Mr. Nicoll has been in apparently good health until lately he began to complain of not feeling well. An examination at the hospital in Rochester revealed the fact that cancer had progressed to such an extent that little hopes were held out for recovery.

John Nicoll was born in eastern Canada in the year 1858 and on November 3 of this year would have been 60 years of age. Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Gorthy of Fargo, and a son, Raymond, of this place, to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father.

Deceased had been a resident of the vicinity for the past 36 years, coming here when railroads did not traverse the state as they do now. He homesteaded on a quarter of land south of here shortly after his arrival and hauled the lumber to be used for the first house on the claim from Valley City, a distance of 65 miles.

He had seen this country evolve from a barren prairie to a well settled and prosperous community, participating in the hardships of the early pioneer days when the comforts were few and hard knocks plentiful. As time went on he began to prosper in worldly goods and has accumulated a good deal of property in this neighborhood. He was director of the Farmers & Merchants bank of this place, had been identified in the general mercantile trade here in the past, and was honored and respected for his honest, straightforward manner in dealing with the many people with whom he came in contact during his many years residence in this community.

The body was shipped from Rochester, arriving here Monday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Keedy of the Congregational church of Cooperstown, at the Nicolls' residence at 2 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, and burial was made in the cemetery north of town, immediately after the funeral rites had been spoken and the body viewed for the last time by hundreds of people, who followed him to his last resting place.

Charles Nicoll, of Sutton, a brother of the deceased, another brother from Canada, Mrs. Mabel Gorthy, a daughter, of Fargo, and family, and Raymond, a son, of this place, and wife, and other near relatives were at the funeral, with the exception of a sister of the deceased in Tacoma, Wash., who was unable to come.

Unimpeachable in character; honest to the core, straightforward and outspoken, known for years by his legions of friends for his true worth of mind. "Jack," as he was familiarly called, will long be missed by all who knew him. McHenry Tribune.