

# Death by Apoplexy

## Hon. W. H. H. Roney, One of the Steele County Pioneers, Passed Away at Monmouth, Ill.

Monmouth Daily Argus, Sept. 2. William H. H. Roney, one of the oldest residents of Warren county, a veteran of the civil war and a former state senator in North Dakota, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon as the result of a stroke of apoplexy, at his home on North Third street.

Standing on the front porch, just after dinner, and while in conversation with his son, he suddenly fell over backwards to the cement walk below, stricken with apoplexy. He lived for over an hour afterwards but in this time he did not regain consciousness and sank rapidly until the end came at 3:30 o'clock.

That his death was due to the effects of the stroke was the opinion of the physicians, although the severe fall had considerable to do with hastening the end. The full force of the blow was received on the head, but that the stroke was a severe one was evidenced by the fact that he made no effort to save himself.

Mr. Roney has been in poor health for some time and during the summer past had been in Washington state for several weeks in the hope of regaining his health. He returned just two weeks ago, but since that time had complained of not feeling as well as usual.

Yesterday, however, he seemed somewhat brighter and in the morning attended church and Sunday school as had been his custom for many years. At noon he ate a hearty dinner and finishing near 2 o'clock stepped out on the front porch in company with his son. He talked for several minutes, when suddenly, without a moment's warning, he threw up his hands and fell backwards to the sidewalk.

The son rushed to his assistance and he was carried into the house. Physicians were called but despite their utmost efforts to rally him, he continued unconscious until the end just one and a half hours later.

The death of Mr Roney removes one more of the pioneers of Warren county who have lived here from early youth. Most of his life was spent on farms in Warren county, Indiana and North Dakota. It was while in the latter state that he was honored by the citizens of Steele county, and sent to the state legislature for three successive terms. He was regarded at the time of his removal from the state, as being one of its foremost Republicans.

In the civil war he enlisted with Co. I, Fiftieth Illinois regiment, and shortly afterward was made sergeant. He served for two years but was honorably discharged on a surgeon's certificate of physical debility, gained during the conflict. He was discharged at St. Louis and returned home, making the trip from St. Louis to Quincy on foot.

Some thirty years ago he was the victim of a shooting accident which shattered his left hand. Amputation was necessary just above the wrist. In church affairs he has always taken an active part. He united with the Ninth Presbyterian church when a young man and always remained faithful to the teachings of this denomination.

When in North Dakota he united with the Presbyterian church, for there was not a United Presbyterian church in the county, and served as an elder for fifteen years. In this city he was connected with the First United Presbyterian. He was active in both church and Sabbath school work.

### SKETCH OF LIFE

William Henry Harrison Roney was born near Monmouth on June 24, 1840. His early life was spent on farms in Warren county, Indiana and North Dakota until 1888 when he removed to Monmouth where he has made his home ever since. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jane Hickman on October 14, 1863.

Eight children were born to this union, seven of whom are still living. They are; Lewis A., of Hope, N. Dak., Mrs. Mary E. Whishnand, Washington, William D., Dickinson, N. Dak., Mrs. Sarah E. Hunter, Granville, N. Dak., Mrs. Jennie A. Grant and Mrs. Hattie G. McDermott, Rugby, N. Dak. and Miss Fannie Roney, who lives at home. Mr. Roney was married for a second time to Miss Isadore Langdon on May 4, 1899, and she is still living. A sister and brother, Mrs. M. E. Hansen, of Oquawka and George Look, of El Paso, Texas, are also living.