

"Grand-pa" Warner Passed Away

Alfred F. Warner, more familiarly known as Grand-pa Warner, passed away at the home of his son, Geo. A. Warner, in this city last Friday afternoon, shortly after one o'clock p. m.

The deceased was a man well along in years having nearly reached the three quarter of a century mark. He may well be termed an early pioneer of this county and state having come here in the early territorial days, and for a number of years resided on a farm two miles south of Colgate, later moving to this city and after the children grew up and left the parental roof he broke up housekeeping and has since been making his home with his children. The subject of our sketch has been bothered with heart trouble for a number of years and during latter years has been failing quite rapidly. He was visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. E. Carpenter, at Eveleth, Minn., when he was taken with his last illness and which together with general condition brought on a complication of troubles to which he finally succumbed as stated above. He was brought home from his daughter's just two weeks ago to-day.

We doubt that there ever were stronger ties between father and children than existed in this family and from this fact makes the parting seem harder to bear. He was a man highly respected by all and we doubt if he had an enemy in the world. All his children with the exception of Mrs. Milligan, who resides in Minneapolis and who was unable to leave home on account of sickness in her family, were present at the time of his death.

He has reared a large family of sons and daughters to perpetuate his name and emulate his virtues. He made a kind and loving father a good neighbor and friend. He lived nobly and died peacefully at an advanced age. And as it has been said "The Stern Reaper found him, as a shock of corn, fully ripe for the harvest."

The funeral services were held from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Hitchcock of the Congregational church assisting Rev. Wallace in the services.

Alfred F. Warner was born in Boston March 27th 1834. Died at Hope, N. Dak., December 18th 1908. His parents moved to DeKalb county, Ill., when he was seven years. He married Betsy Ann Baker in 1855, who died in Feb. 1877. He came to Dakota in the spring of 1885. He was a member of the Odd Fellow lodge. He is survived by six sons and four daughters.