

Aged Man Lost

Lost in the woods for over a week, and leaving no possible trace or clue by which to follow and find him is the mysterious case of William Furlong Sr., who last Thursday left the Furlong home in 63 23 to go to Seth Carpenter's place four miles southeast, and has not since been seen or heard of.

It was the old man's custom to sometimes spend the night at the Carpenter home returning the next day but this time he did not come on the succeeding day and inquiry led to the knowledge that the man had not arrived at the Carpenter home at all. A small searching party was immediately made up but the only trace they found or has been found since was the old gentleman's hat which was discovered in the road about a mile from Furlong's. Word was then sent to the surrounding settlers and Monday morning a large party started a systematic search. All that day and the two succeeding days were spent in vainly searching the woods but without success.

The case is very difficult to understand. Mr. Furlong was an aged man and a cripple who could scarcely travel at all except on a level road; therefore it would be impossible for him to wander far into the brush. Being so old and feeble no hopes are now entertained of finding him alive, but if dead what has become of the body? The old man could not possibly have traveled over a few rods into the woods and yet all of the surrounding country has been thoroughly gone over foot by foot without results. Some advance the theory of wolves or bears making away with the body but that is hardly probable as they would be sure to leave at least some trace.

Wm. Furlong Jr., the son of the lost man was absent at the time the old gentleman was lost but returned Monday to take part in the melancholy search. The accident is indeed a sad one. At their home the aged wife and the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Furlong Jr., waiting day after day for news from the searchers presents a sorrowful sight indeed. But little hope is now entertained of finding even the body but a large party will be formed today to continue the search still further in hopes that the body has been overlooked. — Bear River Journal.