

In Memoriam

At his home south of Courtenay on Oct. 25th, 1905, at the early age of twenty-seven years, Charles Elmer Hoffman passed peacefully away to join the innumerable company which no man can number, after a great affliction borne with christian fortitude and remarkable patience.

The subject of this sketch was born in Ringgold county, Iowa, on September 10th, 1878. He grew to manhood's estate under the parental roof—a christian home.

On July 15th, 1900, he was married to his now sorrowing wife. In the spring of 1901 he moved to North Dakota and settled on a farm north of Wimbledon. He was beloved as a neighbor by all, and respected by all classes of the community. On June 28, 1902, while trying to stop a run away team he met with the accident that made him an invalid. All that medical and surgical skill could do was of no avail. He never walked again until released from the body to walk the golden streets. After the accident he made his peace with God, and through all these years of suffering he maintained the same patient, uncomplaining spirit that showed the riches of his grace—He had learned the Master's deepest lesson—the lesson of obedient, cheerfull submission.

The funeral was held on Friday in the Presbyterian church of Courteday, Rev. A. M. Hewson, pastor of the M. E. church of Wimbledon conducting the service. The funeral was attended by the members of the K. P. lodge of Wimbledon, from which the pall-bearers were chosen, and of which the deceased was a member.

He will be greatly missed by his two little boys and his faithful and devoted wife who has cared for him with the tenderness with which a mother cares for her helpless babe—by his father and mother, his brothers and sisters and by a large circle of sympathising friends. May there some day be full reunion.