

Otto and Bergine Hoff, was born Pigeon Falls Wisconsin January 23, 1883, his life span being 47 years, seven months and seven days. When a young man he came to Hannaford where he was employed in the Groven general store. He came to Sutton in 1912 when the town was started and became manager of the Sutton Mercantile Co. store, continuing in that capacity until the place burned a few years later. He was then assistant cashier in the Farmers for a time. Resigning that position Mr. Hoff purchased a grocery store at Leeds which he operated until about two years ago. After traveling for a wholesale house several months he again embarked in the grocery business, this time at Cooperstown, but failing health did not permit him to remain in active control but a few short weeks.

O. B. Hoff was united in marriage May 25, 1909 to Ida Feiring of Cooperstown, two sons being born, Otto Bjarne, age 20, a junior at the university of North Dakota, and Hollis Bard, 14, a high school sophomore.

The surviving relatives are his aged mother, three brothers and three sisters as follows: Fred, Pigeon Falls Wisconsin, Helmer and Mrs. Archie Lowe, White Hall Wisconsin, Mrs. Arthur Drangstveet of Blair and Oscar, Ettrick Wisconsin; and Mrs. J. B. McWethy of Carrington, this state.

Mr. Hoff was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, his membership in the latter lodge being at Sutton where he was always held in high esteem by the others of the order.

He was always an outstanding figure in every community where he lived, a booster for his town and a willing supporter of every movement designed for community welfare.