

William Heath Obituary

Wm. Heath

William Heath was born in Pan Yan Seneca Lake, N. Y. Jan 29 1826 and departed this life Feb 1, 1904 aged 78 yrs 2 days.

When 8 years of age in 1834 his father and mother moved to Fulton Co. Ill. There he grew to manhood and married Miss Eliza Stearns in 1848. To them 6 children were born three dying in infancy and three survive Mary, wife of W. H. Smith Jr. of this vicinity, Mrs. Emma Sutton of Silver Creek, Nebr., and Alice, wife of J. M. James of this place.

In 1865 he moved to a farm near here and resided there until 1882 when he moved to Good Hope.

His wife died in 1878 and later he was married to Regina Buchanan who also survives him

During his life in Good Hope he has been associated in an important way with much of its business, but only from 1883 to 87 was he in active business life when a member of the firm of Allison and Heath.

He became a member of the Masonic fraternity in 1874 and has taken much pleasure and interest in the institution.

In business life one who was intimately acquainted with him says 'He was integrity itself. Honest always, honorable in all his dealings, especially interested and helpful to deserv- young men. Keen business sense and a tactful knowledge of men made him a success in the business world.'

Of his father's family of 9 children he was the last son to be taken one daughter remaining, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe of our town.

For a number of years he had afflictions, various remedies have been tried, different cures but to no avail. As the afternoon sun was sinking in the west, in the afternoon of a good age he sank into the eternal rest of death.

He was buried with Masonic honors at 1 o'clock Thursday, Feb. 4, and his remains were laid to rest in Good Hope cemetery.

The sermon by Rev. T. E. Newland was a most timely and beautiful one and the floral offerings were beautiful and many.