

PASCO, Fred Allen

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Benton County, Iowa
August 24, 1951
Sioux Falls

Obituary

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FRED ALLEN PASCO

Funeral services for Fred A. Pasco, who died in Sioux Falls last Friday, were conducted from the Methodist Church in Hurley on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Wendell Johnson officiated. Pallbearers were: Alfred Holm, Fred Holm, Ervin Holm, Roy Flyger, Chris Flyger and Carl Knudsen. The Viborg Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

Fred Allen Pasco was born May 18, 1876, and passed away August 24th at the age of 75 years, 3 months and 5 days. He was born near Blairstown, Benton County, Iowa. His parents, John H. and Jane M. Pasco, moved the spring of 1884 to Sanborn, O'Brien County, Iowa. Here Fred Allen Pasco grew up on the farm and attended the rural schools there. He completed his education at the Sheldon Normal of Sheldon, Iowa.

The spring of 1896 he received a certificate to teach, and the next school term he taught a school near Melvin, Osceola County, Iowa. That same year his parents moved to near Edgerton, Minn.

It was at Edgerton, Minn., that Fred first met Mary Elizabeth Mitchell. On Feb. 9, 1898, they were united in marriage at the bride's home in Edgerton. They settled on a farm near Edgerton. In the spring of 1901 they traded their farm for a hardware and implement business at Dundee, Minn. This they sold in the spring of 1904 and emigrated to Canada, first to near St. Norbert, Manitoba, and later to near Forestburg, Alberta. Here Fred and his wife and family settled on their homestead. It was here, first in a sod house and ox team, and later in a frame dwelling that several happy years were spent pioneering and rearing their family.

Suddenly and very unexpectedly on August 16th, 1917, Fred's wife passed away, leaving him with five sons and four daughters, the youngest just a baby.

In the fall of 1920 Fred decided to return to the States and sold all his holdings in Canada. Fred and family, except the baby who remained to live with her grandparents on her mother's side, returned to Hurley, S. Dak., to make their home, where Fred had a brother living. Here Fred engaged in the garage business with his brother. A few years later he entered into the construction business, finally devoting all his time to this with some of his sons until 1942. Since, he has made his home in Sioux Falls, visiting relatives and doctoring for his ailing health. For the last year and one-half he has been confined to bed due to an illness from which he never recovered.

Fred had his wife, Elizabeth, and a son, Walter, preceed him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing, daughter Florence, Mrs. Nels Williamson of Hurey, sons, Merle of Viborg, Bert of Marcel, Minn., Claude of Sioux Falls, daughter Alice of Chicago, son Leslie of Fairbanks, Alaska, daughters, Mina of Chicago, and Inez of Mission City, B. C., Canada, their husbands, wives and the grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters, George of Alamo, Tex., Frank of Vancouver, Wash., Laura of Kent, Wash., and Mina of Minneapolis, Minn. He also leaves a host of other relatives, friends and associates.

Fred was raised in the Methodist faith. While in Canada he actively supported the United Brethren, the only available church, and upon returning to Hurley, S. D., re-associated himself and family with the Methodist Church of that city.