

Six Years—Funeral Service Will be Held Friday at Home

John Edward Skaife, former president of the village for a period of six years and resident of Frederic and community for more than 20 years, died Monday evening at his home after a serious illness of several months. Mr. Skaife had been in poor health for several years and had not been active since he retired as president of the village. Death was caused by a combination of diabetes and arteriosclerosis.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday, at 2 o'clock at the home. Rev. W. Lindberg of the Pilgrim Lutheran church officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove cemetery.

John Edward Skaife was born February 11, 1858 at Potosi in Grant county, being 74 years, 10 months and one day of age at the time of his death.

He was married at Dubuque, Ia., in 1876 to Miss Carrie Moury, who passed away in 1891 and five children were born to this union, three surviving, two sons, Alex of Portland, Oregon and Ralmon of Omaha, Nebraska and one daughter, Addie, of Ponca, Nebraska.

Following his marriage he lived in Iowa, near Dubuque for a few years, moving to Union county in southeastern South Dakota in the late 70's where he lived until his wife passed away.

He was united in marriage in 1893 with Mrs. Jeannette Walters in South Dakota and in 1898 they moved to Ponca, Nebraska, where they farmed until 1906 when they moved to the Black Hills of South Dakota where he homesteaded on a piece of land 40 miles from Rapid City. After a few years there they moved to Nebraska again where they bought a farm near Ponca, and lived until they moved to Wisconsin in 1910.

Mr. Skaife owned two farms in the town of West Sweden, first buying the Slater farm where he lived for two years and then buying the Soderberg farm there, where they lived until they moved to Frederic about eleven years ago.

Mr. Skaife took an active interest in public affairs when he moved to Frederic and served six or seven consecutive terms as village president, retiring four years ago.

Four children were born to his second marriage, all of whom survive, two sons, Sam and Lloyd of West Sweden and two daughters, Luverne of Minneapolis and Lurene, Mrs. John Soderberg, of West Sweden.

He is also survived by one brother, Willis Skaife of Potosi, and one sister, Miss Jennie A. Skaife of Helena, Montana, one stepson, Ward Walters of Seattle, Washington and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Mary Feese of Coleridge, Nebraska.

Mr. Skaife had lived a long and useful life and his services to the village have been notable. The entire community extends their sympathy to the bereaved family.