

[Sheldon, Milton B.]

MILTON B. SHELDON

On account of errors in this notice last week, it is repeated with changes and additions. [ED.]

Seldom has a death occurred in this vicinity which has so surprised the community as that of M. B. Sheldon, which occurred Sunday morning March 1st, 1891. Only a few knew of his illness, and those supposed it to be not too dangerous, until a short time before his death. He was taken two weeks ago Monday with a cold, which resulted in congestion of one lung. Although he was able to be up each day and not thought to be seriously ill, yet he was slightly out of his head at times, and it was noticed that his strength was failing. Last Wednesday he appeared to be better, but Thursday night he became much worse, and Friday his disease developed into pneumonia, with a strong tendency to heart failure. He sank rapidly from that time and soon became unconscious, and passed away Sunday morning without a struggle.

He was born on the farm where he died, November 26, 1827; was married to Clarissa S. Barlow, Feby. 22, 1858. Soon after, having purchased the farm[,] they moved into the house on Nettle Hill where they lived until he bought his father's place adjoining, since which time they have occupied that house. There have been born to them three sons and five daughters [Mrs. W. J. Corbett of Sherman; Mrs. G. C. Van Dusen of Jamestown; H. L. Sheldon of Watertown, S. Dak.; B. L. and Bert Sheldon of Reading, Kan.; Mrs. E. A. Hanes of Ottawa, Kan.; Misses Laura and Belle Sheldon of Sherman], and, though the youngest children have almost reached their majority, yet until now, there has never been a death in the family. But this does not lessen the blow which has fallen upon the family. He was an honest man, a kind neighbor, and a most devoted husband and father. His life has been spent in laboring for his family and he lived to see them able to care for themselves, though some of them are far from the family roof.

The funeral was held at his late residence Wednesday afternoon, and though the day was very bad, a large number of relatives and friends were present. Rev. [Thomas] Borden [Universalist] made appropriate remarks, and Mrs. Homewood sang two selections very finely. The remains were interred in the family lot in the Sherman cemetery.

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