

An Obituary Notice Of Late F. J. Cocking

FEBRUARY 8, 1935.

Fred Cocking

A clipping from a Pelican Rapids, Minn., newspaper has been handed to The Herald containing the following notice of the death of F. J. Cocking, which was noticed in this paper a few days ago:

The community paused Monday to pay tribute to the memory of one of the best of men—Fred J. Cocking—who passed away at his home in Dunn township Thursday afternoon. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at one o'clock from the home and at two o'clock from the Congregational church in the village. Rev. D. R. Martin officiated and burial was made in the Lake View cemetery.

A quartet from the Union Church composed of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harrison, Mrs. John Page and Steve Page sang at both services. W. W. Sherman, R. B. Strachan, E. L. Peterson, E. A. Peck, Ed. Herting and John Page were the pall bearers.

Those who came from a distance to pay their tribute of respect to the departed were: Mr. H. J. Dahl, Mr. E. E. Norton, Mr. Harry Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Alexander, Dr. W. L. Burnap, Miss Sarah Newton, all of Fergus Falls; Mr. and Mrs. John Nordquist, Mrs. Edgar Nordquist, Merlin Nordquist of Hoffman; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Marsh, Otis Anderson of Foxhome; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson of Barnesville.

Mr. W. W. Sherman who was a life-long friend of Mr. Cocking has written the following obituary of the deceased:

On Jan. 24, 1935, at his farm home in Dunn township F. J. Cocking passed away at the age of 74 years, 5 months, and 21 days. In his passing a truly noble husband and father has left his good works as an example to the living, an

example of fine and untarnished family love. His last words spoken to his faithful wife were "I love you so much". This was an undying love after nearly 52 years of married life.

To this union were born five children: Edward, George, Grace, Esther and Horace, all who were present at his passing, with the exception of Mrs. Grace Cole of Walkerville, Michigan, who was unable to come. There were fourteen grandchildren, all living.

It has been the privilege of the writer to have known Mr. Cocking from childhood. He was a family friend and neighbor, a loved and respected school teacher, one who entered into the everyday sports but when entering the school room commanded strict discipline. He was of the type who believed in opening services in the morning by reading the scripture.

He also was our Sunday School teacher for years, always faithful and earnest.

Mr. Cocking moved with his family to Pelican Rapids in March, 1904, from Grinnell, Iowa, where he had farmed for many years. He purchased the present home and several other farms adjoining at this time and soon after, his dealings in real estate together with the educating of his family, caused him to live at times in Detroit

Lakes and Fergus Falls, having lived in the latter place for several years just prior to his moving onto the home place in Dunn township.

For several years he had been afflicted with leakage of the heart, necessitating his retiring from all active work. Last fall he was taken seriously ill and confined to his bed, and although he made a good fight for recovery, in his weakened condition he quietly and peacefully passed into the Great Beyond of which he had no fear.

We are thankful for the teachings and example of his life. May we endeavor to do as well.—W. W. Sherman.

Fred Cocking Passes Away At Pelican Rapids

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Bert Forehand received a telegram Thursday night announcing the death of his uncle, Fred Cocking, at Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Mr. Cocking was formerly a resident of this community. As a boy he came with his family to Chester township, where he grew to manhood. He taught school in Chester and attended the Grinnell Academy for a time. Later he was the owner of thirty acres located just east of the Grinnell fair grounds. About thirty years ago he moved to Minnesota, where he had land interests. He owned a home in Fergus Falls, but for some time has been living on his farm near Pelican Rapids.

Mr. Cocking married Ida Bacon, a sister of Bert Bacon, Mrs. Frank Wesco and Mrs. Etta Sears. She, with their five children, survives him.

For the past ten years Mr. Cocking had suffered from heart trouble, which made his life precarious. His last visit in this vicinity was three years ago, when he was able to attend a family reunion. He was 75 years old.

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