

Poweshiek County's Premier Physician Passes Away

8-30-1927

To have lived and practiced medicine in the same town for fifty-three years is a distinction and an honor few men enjoy, but the passing of Dr. V. S. Wilcox after over a half century of service in Malcom and Poweshiek county, only emphasizes the success of his life and the sterling qualities of the man.

Born to hard work as a boy he studied his profession as only an enthusiastic and ambitious physician can, and when he folded his hands in his last sleep and smiled his kindly goodbye, there was deep mourning in many a home where he had battled disease and brought cheer to saddened hearts.

Dr. Wilcox entered the Medical department of the State University in 1871. He studied and practiced with Dr. Schrader of Iowa City, a skilled physician of recognized merit in those days, and to have been associated with him was an honor and an inspiration to a young physician and well did Dr. Wilcox make use of the advantages this opportunity gave him.

In May, 1874, he located at Malcom, and here warm-hearted, kind, self-sacrificing and successful in practice, he gained and held not only personal friends, but also those he served and helped. Dr. Wilcox outlived all the physicians in the county of those earlier days, and his advice was ever sought by many a physician far and near in difficult cases, for all recognized him as one who never guessed at a case, but studied with understanding vision the science of medicine and became more skillful and useful as the years went by.

It is not given to every man to make the success of his life and his profession which Dr. Wilcox made, and he will long be held in grateful memory for the friends he won, and the gentle skill he carried into every case which came under his care.

As a man and a physician he will long live in the hearts of those he served and helped.

Dr. Vinton Stark Wilcox was born in Homer, Licking county, Ohio, Oct.

11, 1848. He died at Malcom, Iowa, Aug. 25, 1927, aged 78 years, 10 months and 14 days.

He was the only son of John and Mary Wilcox. At the age of six years with his parents he started to Iowa. On the way, at Wyandot, Ill., his mother died. His father returned with him to Ohio, where he remained one winter. The next spring he came to Iowa to live with his aunt. He then lived at various places in Iowa. At the age of 17 he taught a country school.

In 1871 he entered Iowa State University for the study of medicine, graduating in 1874.

In 1874 he came to Malcom where he had since resided. He was actively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine until 1915.

In 1872 he married Josephine Hamilton in Tiffin, Johnson county, Iowa. She died in 1914.

In 1915 he married Mrs. Ella Davis who survives him. He leaves three children: Dr. Delano Wilcox and Mrs. Henry Wickman of Malcom, and Mrs. C. O. Bowers of Cedar Rapids. Also six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. Mr. Ankerman, pastor of the Presbyterian church. A quartet, Dr. O. F. Parish, Dr. E. Somers, Prof. David E. Peck, and Fred Morrison furnished the music. The songs were "Some Sweet Day" and "Nearer My God to Thee." The funeral services were in charge of the Masonic Lodge at Malcom and bearers were selected from that organization.

Active bearers, H. B. Buchanan, Harry Eisele, L. E. Maxfield, Harry Walters, Jas. Bryant and Dr. Wood.

Honorary pall bearers, Henry Pyle, Frank Swindel, John Corrough, W. F. Vogel, H. S. Thompson, R. A. Wiley.

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Pioneer Of *G-11* Malcom Passes *8-26-1927*

Dr. V. S. Wilcox passed away at his home in Malcom yesterday after an illness of some length. He had reached an extreme old age, being nearly eighty years old and has been a resident of Malcom for over fifty-three years.

The doctor was one of the old time residents of Poweshiek County, the best known practitioner for many years in this part of the state, held in high repute for skill and medical knowledge. His death will be sincerely regretted by a very large circle of warm and loving friends, as well as by the hundreds of patients he has served and helped.

Dr. Wilcox was born in Ohio in 1849, and passed away at the age of seventy eight years and ten months. He had been ailing for some time, and had recently returned from Rochester, where he had undergone a serious operation.

The funeral will be held at the home in Malcom at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Elmer Aukerman as the minister. Burial will be in Ivy Hill cemetery.