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WILLIAM CORY, EARLY SETTLER, DIES AT AGE OF 93 YEARS

On September 3, 1921, at 11:30 p. m., at Austin, Minnesota, occurred the death of William Cory. He was an early settler of Eagle, one of the sturdy farmers that Devonshire, England, furnished this country. There his birth occurred, on March 1, 1828. His parents, Samuel and Sarah Burton Cory, were natives of England, where his father followed the trade of carpenter.

They reared a family of nine children, of whom, Sarah, later Mrs. Richard Peardon, was the first to visit the new world. Having married William Colwell, she accompanied him to America in 1846. Two years later her parents and brothers and sisters joined her on this side of the Atlantic. Forty-four days were required to make the voyage from Plymouth to Quebec, from whence they moved to Palmyra. There the father farmed and carried on his trade. In the county of Jefferson the father and mother lived their remaining years. Both were members of the M. E. church.

Of their children all are now deceased, Mr. Cory being the last to answer the final call. William was the fourth child in order of birth, and when nine years of age began to work out his own support. When eighteen years of age his father brought him home to learn the carpenter trade. For several years he followed that trade but was chiefly occupied in helping his father in farm work.

Mr. Cory married Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Dewolf Thomas, Dec. 10, 1858, the family being the first settlers in Eagle. Soon thereafter the young couple settled in Farmington, on a farm, and in 1860 moved to Eagle, settling on a farm on Section 13, which they purchased from Mr. Thomas. In 1917 they sold the farm and moved to the village to lead a retired life. A few years ago they moved to Austin, Minn., to be with their son, Elliot, a prominent business man, there.

On December 10, 1908, they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at Eagle, and in December, 1920, they celebrated the sixty-second anniversary of their marriage, a distinction accorded to but few people. Besides his widow and two sons, he is survived by eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.