

Article L. **WILLIAM SHERMAN**

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William Sherman died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. D.S. Allen, corner of Geneva and Center Streets, last Saturday evening as a result of the fall on an icy walk he sustained a few weeks ago, in which his hip was broken. Mr. Sherman was the oldest man in this section, being born April 26, 1809, in the village of Dundas, near Hamilton, Canada.

In early life Mr. Sherman learned the tanner's trade near Dansville, N.Y. Later he worked in London, Canada, where he met and married Miss Louisa Parsons on the 5th day of February, 1835.

In 1836 he decided he would be a farmer and started for the then almost unknown west. He came to Chicago and then went to Milwaukee. Turning west again he passed through the Indian villages of Waukesha and Mukwonago and located a claim of 160 acres, built a log cabin, and in the fall returned to Canada to work during the winter. In the spring of 1837 Mr. Sherman started for his western home with two yoke of oxen and two cows. It took 37 days to make the trip. Mrs. Sherman and their eldest son joined him in Chicago, and together they proceeded on their journey.

Mr. Sherman was actively engaged in farming at Mukwonago, Eagle and at Whitewater until 1876, when he bought the Clarkson farm in the town of Linn, where he lived until five years ago, when he moved to this city, which has since been his home.

Mrs. Sherman died April 2, 1900.

Mr. Sherman is survived by three sons, L.M. of Minneapolis; W.J. of Portland, Oregon; and Charles, of Port Angeles, Wash.; and two daughters, Mrs. D.S. Allen and Dr. Alice Sherman Barber of this city, besides a large number of grand children and great grand children.

Short funeral services were held at the home Tuesday evening and the burial was by the side of his beloved wife in the little cemetery at Jericho, near Eagle, in Waukesha county, last Wednesday afternoon.