

ELIZABETH "Betsy" (PLANK) FRAYER

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On Tuesday at the home of her son in the town of Ottawa occurred the death of Elizabeth Frayer at the advanced age of nearly eighty-nine years. Her illness dated back to two years ago, when she sustained injuries, by a fall. Her last illness was of one week's duration, and although her memory failed her for a few days, she regained it prior to her death and was conscious to the last.

Mrs. Frayer was born in Columbia county, New York, March 1st 1813, and was educated in her native town. She was married there in 1842 to Seymour Frayer, her maiden name being Elizabeth Plank. Here the young couple followed farming until 1846, when they came west by the way of the Erie canal and the lakes to Milwaukee, finally locating on Section 35, Ottawa, on land purchased of the government. In 1868 the family moved to the farm now occupied by the son, Wesley D. Frayer, where the father died on March 13, 1905. The father was also a farmer; was a Republican in politics, held many local offices and had the confidence of all the people. The four children born to them where Wesly D., who attended the public schools and later became a teacher, filling that position four terms in District 7 and 9 in OttawaOttawa, a-nd also in District 1, Mukwonago, teaching in winter, farming in summer and threshing grain in the fall until 1890. He was married September 3rd, 1869. to Abey E. Schultis and they had three children, two of whom are living, Florence, wife ot Peter Arenz, and Seymour D. at home. The other three children of the pioneer family were Foster, who died in 1850, Marian, also deceased, and Sarah, wife of Martin Helgesen, a popular and prosperous farmer in Eagle.

Mrs. Frayer was a kind mother and a good neighbor and spent the greater portion of her life upon their flrst home, and by her economy materially assisted her husband and the family in establishing a comfortable farm home. She was of a domestic nature and devoted, her time to her home and family. She was not a member of any church.