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### Death of Thomas Hooper.

The past year the genial countenance of Thomas Hooper has been missing from our streets and other public places, owing to the ravages of an horrible disease which had fastened upon him. His passing away ~~was~~ <sup>morning</sup> was not unexpected and must have been a welcome relief from the terrible suffering which he has borne with such patience and fortitude. In his going, Palmyra has lost another of its early residents and one who always had a cheery word and pleasant smile for those he met. "Uncle Tom," as he was generally called, has given new energy to many in a discouraged moment and his characteristic expression of assent will not soon be forgotten. As long as he was able to do so, he held the office of treasurer of the Wisconsin Old Settlers' association, in which he was exceedingly interested and when advanced years made the duties too arduous, he was given a handsome gold headed cane as a token of appreciation of his services. "Uncle Tom" has been missed and will be missed but there is cause for rejoicing that his sufferings are passed.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. Robertson, assisted by the M. E. choir. The services at the grave were in charge of the Masonic order under the leader-

ship of Rev. W. W. Perry of Milwaukee, who had been especially requested by Mr. Hooper to be present when he should need such service.

The following account of the details of his life have been kindly prepared by one who has known him long and well:

After suffering for many years with a cancer, Thomas Hooper passed peacefully away July 28, 1906, at the home of his son, George F. Hooper. He was born at Jacobstow, Cornwall, England, January 1, 1825. He was apprenticed as a stone mason at the age of thirteen years, for a term of six years. He immigrated to America with his parents in October, 1845, and worked at his trade until the year 1850, when, in company with his brother, Richard, and others, he went to California. After spending a few years there, he returned to Wisconsin and settled in Rome. He was married in May, 1854, to Harriet Tratt and moved to Palmyra in 1865, where he afterward lived—first on a farm then moving to the village about fifteen years ago.

On May 30, 1905, he went to the sanitarium for treatment, where he remained for eighteen weeks, after which he was taken to the home of his son, George. Although he suffered intensely, he bore it all with patience and endeared himself to those around him, through his cheerfulness.

He leaves a brother, Richard Hooper, of Lake Mills; two sons, George and Edward, of Palmyra; six daughters, Mrs. Wm. Pett, of Ottawa; Mrs. Edw. Austin, of Johnstown; Mrs. Moses Sleep, Mrs. John Dunham and Mrs. Frank Trewyn of Palmyra; Mrs. George Weaver, of Tibbets; thirty-four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, to hold him in loving remembrance. His wife and two sons preceded him in death.

Those who came from away to attend the funeral services were Richard Hooper and son, John, of Lake Mills; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Austin and two sons of Jownstown Center; Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, of Elkhorn; F. A. Tratt, Paul Tratt, John Cox, Charles Kendall, Mrs. Jennie K. Hall, and Mrs. George Rutherford, of White-water; Albert Ham of Milwaukee, — Palmyra Enterprise.

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