

OBITUARY

Timothy Ridgman, fifth son of Walter and Jane Gilbert Ridgman, was born in North Petherwin, England, June 4, 1861, and passed away on January 24th, 1938, at the age of 76 years, 7 months and 20 days, at his home on the J. C. Agathan farm where he has resided for the past 15 years.

He came to America fifty-one years ago last fall and made his home with his brother Thomas. After two years he returned to England and on March 19, 1888, was married to Elizabeth Ann Gilbert. With his bride he came back to America, and settled in the vicinity of Eagle where they made their home ever since.

He was one of a family of seven, six sons and one daughter. The three who came to America are the last survivors.

His wife preceded him in death on February 23, 1934. Also one infant daughter deceased.

Surviving are his four sons, William, of Little Prairie; Charles, of Troy Center; George and Walter, of Eagle, and three grandchildren, Lorraine, Betty and Elizabeth Ann; a brother, Thomas Ridgman, of Ottawa; a sister, Mrs. Edward Sargent, of Eagle; several nieces and nephews also a host of friends.

Mr. Ridgman was baptized in the Church of England, of which he was also a member. He was sick only a short time, one week from the day he was taken ill he was called to the great beyond.

Funeral services were held from the home on Thursday afternoon, January 27th at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. B. Petherick of Burlington, Wis., former pastor of the Eagle M. E. church, with Rev. Lordahl of North Prairie, assisting. When Rev. Petherick first came to Eagle as pastor and made a call at the Ridgman home, he was surprised to find that his boyhood home and that of Mr. Ridgman's in England were only a distance of fourteen miles apart.

Music was furnished by Mrs. Flossie Pardee and Mrs. Forrest Reed, with Mrs. Harold Pardee at the organ. Undertaker Jerome Mealy, of Eagle, directing the burial. The remains were laid to rest in the family lot beside his wife in Oak Ridge cemetery. Frank Parsons, Walter Parsons, John Wilton, William Box, Daniel Parsons and Fred Parsons acting as pall-bearers.

He will be greatly missed and will be remembered for his kindly disposition and many acts of kindness.