

FISH, HENRY TILGHMAN
December 21, 1863-February 6, 1957

Death came last Thursday night to Henry Tilghman Fish, 93, a Wheatland citizen held in affection and esteem. The lives of many have been enriched through association with him in his 45-year residence here. He died at Platte County Memorial hospital.

Although not possessed of good physical health in recent years, "H.T." retained a remarkable mental alertness, a genial manner and infectious good will. On his ninetieth birthday in December, 1953 many friends visited with him at an open house held at the home of his son, A.R. Fish, with whom he had lived for a number of years.

Born December 21, 1863 at Columbus Junction, Ia. to Evan and Sarah Brand Fish, he was the second oldest in a family of 10 boys. He left the farm when a young man, becoming a druggist's apprentice and later a registered pharmacist.

He purchased a drug store in Mediapolis, Ia. in 1891 and on September 15 of that year was married to Winfred Anna Ayers at Osceola Mills, Wis. He and Mrs. Fish had three sons, all now residing in Wheatland.

Mr. Fish remained in business in the Iowa town for 21 years, and besides serving several terms on the city council and for 16 years as secretary of the school board, was keenly interested in the local Chautauqua, of which he was secretary. While he was associated with the latter committee, the circuit included such notables as William Jennings Bryan, Booker T. Washington, Billy Sunday and Gypsy Smith.

He was master of his Masonic lodge in Mediapolis and was worthy patron of Mispah chapter, OES the same year his wife was worthy matron.

The Fish family came to Wheatland in 1912, buying a farm west of town. At the death of Mrs. Fish in 1921, Mr. Fish turned his farming interests over to his son, Byron and moved to Wheatland where he made his home with his brother, Dr. C.E. Fish and where he again took up his work as a pharmacist.

Mr. Fish worked for C.V. Crouter, B. A. Martens and Dr. F.G. Huffman and in later years for Kenneth Brighton at the Pioneer Pharmacy and for Robert Straw. At the time of his retirement he had been a pharmacist for nearly 70 years.

A Presbyterian by faith, Mr. Fish was also a member of the Wheatland lodge AF & AM No. 16 and the Mizpah chapter of OES, Mediapolis, Ia. He was a Fifty-Year mason, having been present his pin by the Wheatland lodge several years ago.

He leaves three sons, Byron A., A.R. and Howard Fish, all of Wheatland; one brother, A.H. Fish of Chico, Calif.; eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. His wife and eight brothers preceded him in death.

The Rev. J.B. Milstead officiated for the last rites held at 2:00 o'clock Saturday, February 9, 1957 in the Schrader chapel and the Wheatland Masonic lodge conducting graveside services at the Wheatland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Don Hunton, George Grant, Ward Goodrich, Kenneth Brighton, Franzel Memmer and W.I. Sutherland.