

ANGelo, William J. d. 6-8-1920

William James Angelo was the first child of Samuel Wescott and Rhoda Burwell Angelo. He was born March 21, 1839, on the Buckhorn prairie in Maquippin county, Illinois.

In the year 1853, when 14 years old, with his father, mother, brothers and sisters, they moved in Polk county, Iowa, and settled near Rising Sun, not far from what was then Fort Des Moines, now the capital of Iowa. Two years later, 1855, his father died, leaving him and his mother to look after the family of two brothers and three sisters.

Three years later, in 1858, he with his mother, brothers and sisters moved onto a homestead his father had entered on the fertile prairie of Jasper county Iowa, near the town of Peoria.

February 18, 1864, in Jasper county, at the age of 25 years he was united in marriage to Esther Ann Meek, daughter of John P. and Matilda Meek, by Uncle David Tripp. To this union two children were born, Cora and John.

In 1865 with his wife and daughter he moved and settled on a homestead near Pawnee City, Nebr. They resided here for 28 years, fighting the battles and enduring the privations of pioneer days in Nebraska.

In 1893 he moved with his family to a farm near Oswatomie, Kan. They resided here seven years, and in the spring of 1900 with his family he moved to a farm near Driftwood, in old Woods county now Alfalfa county, Or., where he died June 18, 1920, at 12:15 P. M. having attained the ripe old age of 81 years, 2 months and 27 days.

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William James Angelo Dead

William James Angelo, 81 years old died at his home near Driftwood last Friday of old age.

The funeral service was held at the home at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Grandpa Martin of the Christian church having charge. The body was interred in the Keith cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Ann; two children, Cora Conkey of Driftwood, Colorado, and John

W. Angelo of Athabasco, Canada; two sisters, Ann Thompson and Ellen Carr of Collins, Iowa; one brother John B. Angelo of Maxwell, Iowa; twelve grandchildren and seventeen great-grand-children. A father, mother, two brothers, a sister and two grandchildren have preceded him in death.

He was a pioneer of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska Kansas and Oklahoma, having entered into the pioneer days of all of these states.

Early in life he learned to rely upon himself, and his present farm bears evidence of this early training. He was a lover of his home and farm life and enjoyed being a producer. He was a man of sterling character, hypocrisy dwelling within him. In his young he was baptised into Christ, by a pioneer Christian preacher of Iowa, Brother Roach.

Besides his own family he and his wife raised thirteen children, looking after their welfare and providing a home for them. Of this home life a neighbor boy says, "it seems like home to me."...Cheorkee Oklahoma Republican.