

WILLIAMS, LAKE

PIONEER, DIES

Knew Old West and Was Reputed "Dead Shot" With Rifle

J. C. "Chunk" Williams, 81, Clear Lake resident who knew the old west and old time Indians and was a "dead shot" with a revolver or rifle in his day, died about 2:45 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, following a stroke.

He had been a resident of this community for the past 60 years, the past 22 years of which he spent at Clear Lake.

When Williams bought wild horses from the Nez Perce and Flathead Indians of Idaho, he would bring down hawks on the wing with a revolver for the amusement of the Indians. He bought ponies by the trainload from these Indians and sold the stock in Iowa, mostly around Mason City.

Williams purchased Indian cattle for J. S. Wheeler and ponies for himself. The Indians would not accept paper money, so Williams had to carry silver in saddle packs while he lived with the Indians on these trips. There was always danger of rustlers who knew he carried silver, but there was also the protection of his marksmanship, which was known throughout the west.

Iowa. His parents, Jonathan and Caroline Williams, moved to Worth county and settled on a farm near what is now Mantown in 1873.

Mr. Williams was married to Miss Hattie Kern, June 17, 1878, at Clear Lake. In 1879 they moved to Mason City. Two children were born to this union. On Nov. 30, 1898, he was preceded in death by his wife.

On Dec. 1, 1896, he was married to Miss Manie Kern, a sister of his first wife, at Mason City. They resided in Mason City until Nov. 1, 1918, when they moved to their cottage at Clear Lake.

Mr. Williams was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Mason City and the Woodman's lodge. He helped to organize the Volunteer fire department of Mason City, of which he was a member for more than 30 years. He also was on call for assistance at the sheriff's office and with the early day police.

Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. H. H. Carlson, St.

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