

## Wm. H. Mercer, 74 - Years Old, Is Dead

Lamine Resident Passes Away After  
A Critical Illness of Several  
Weeks

William H. Mercer, 74 years old, died at his home near Lamine Tuesday morning soon after midnight. Death was not unexpected, as Mr. Mercer had been critically ill for some weeks.

William Henry Mercer was born in Cooper County May 13, 1856, and had spent practically all of his life in this county. He farmed extensively and was a stock dealer until his health failed several years ago. In the year of 1880 he was married to Miss Melissa Halley, to which union eleven children were born.

The wife and seven children, L. C. Mercer, of St. Louis, Mrs. J. H. Racy of Lamine, Mrs. W. H. Morrison of Sedalia, Mrs. L. R. Harris of Lamine, Walter Mercer of Peninsula, Mrs. John Whitlow of Lamine, and Mrs. Henry Whitlow of Chouteau, survive, with 21 grandchildren, an aged half-sister, Mrs. Mollie Pearson, of Fayette and one brother, Frank Mercer, of Liberty.

Funeral services were conducted at the Peninsula church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Pallbearers were Grant Clark, Ben Piatt, Will Day, Charles Hill, John Whitlow, Sr., and Will Gross.