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John Henry Potter, Sr.

**They have his mother wrong, but other than that, it is accurate.**

**From Boonville Newspaper**

**John H. Potter, Native of County, Dies at Age of 91**

John H. Potter, 91, one of Cooper County's oldest native-born citizens, died at the home of a son, W. A. Potter, 407 Walnut St., at 12:15 p. m. Saturday. He had been in failing health for some time and seriously ill for several days. Funeral services will be conducted at the Evangelical Church at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. The Rev. E. P. Abele, pastor of the church, will conduct the rites. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery. The body will remain at the Stegner Funeral Home until time for the rites.

Mr. Potter is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Jesse Burt, Pratt, Kans., and Mrs. Louise McCartney and Mrs. Bessie Bennett, Springfield; by five sons, Joseph W. Stillwell, Marshall, Herman E. Potter and W. A. Potter, Boonville, George Potter, Paradise, Ariz., and Edward Potter, St. Louis; by 20 grand children, 31 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

A retired oil dealer, he was born in the Hail Ridge community April 16, 1858, the son of Joseph and Nancy Potter.

His grandfather operated the first ferry across the Missouri River here.

During his early life Mr. Potter engaged in work on the Missouri River and later became an oil dealer. His "coal oil wagon" was long a familiar on Boonville streets.

Mr. Potter was married to Louise Barbara Back Sept. 6, 1882. She died several years ago. He was also preceded in death by two sons.

He was a charter member of the local organizations of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Woodman of the World and the Woodman Circle.

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