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Charles Townsend Dies of Heart Attack

Charles Townsend, a highly respected citizen of the James neighborhood died at his home last Thursday, following a heart attack. He has not been in the best of health for the past seven years, and was about 72 years old at the time of his death.

The deceased was born at Ontario, Canada, June 27, 1885, and made his home there until ten years of age, when he moved to London, Ontario. He lived there until he came to South Dakota, filing in Brown county on a claim in 1881. He was one of the earliest settlers in this vicinity.

In 1882 he returned to Ontario and was married to Miss Sarah Hart, of Toronto. Seven children were born to this union, two of whom survive, John W. Townsend and Mrs. E. Synoground, of Hav Springs, Neb. Eleven grandchildren and his wife also mourn his loss.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, in the James Lutheran church, Rev. F. E. Wilke officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in Groton Union cemetery, H. Paetznick in charge.