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RICHARDS, WILLIAM S.

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William S. Richards was born on January 15, 1830 in Switzerland county, Indiana.

On February 4, 1849, William Richards married Mary Martha Fitch. Mary M., was born in East Union, Ohio, on February 28, 1830. She was the youngest of nine children. In 1843, she moved with her parents to Mt. Healthy, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and met William Richards.

In 1855, William and Mary (Fitch) Richards moved west to Rochester, Minnesota. In 1866 they came to Sauk Centre and settled on a homestead two miles east of Sauk Centre.

William and Mary (Fitch) Richards had nine children: Rosetta A., (Mrs. John H. Canfield), is dead; Francis (Mrs. W. C. Smith) of St. Paul; Belle (Mrs. C. F. Whitney) Engevale, North Dakota; Lizzie C. (Mrs. A. I. Wilcox), of Oakes, North Dakota; Eugene A. of Sauk Centre, dead; Nettie B. (Mrs. George Rice) of Sauk Centre; Robert; Clara V., and William H. of Stanton, North Dakota.

William and Mary (Fitch) Richards celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1899.

William Richards died on May 31, 1908.

Mary Martha (Fitch) Richards died on June 19, 1923. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Her funeral was from the Methodist church with Reverend S. S. Wyand. She had joined the Methodist Church in Ohio at the age of seventeen.

Interviewed: Mrs. Iris (Canfield) Betz-a
granddaughter
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FOR THE WILLIAM S. RICHARDS BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 411 LINE 1

W. S. Richards, Born in Indiana, January 15, 1830

Father name _____ mother's name Mary Bennett

Died May 31, 1908

Age 78 years

DEATH RECORD BOOK P. PAGE 22 Line 554

Mary Mashly Richards, Born in Ohio, February 31, 1830

Died June 19, 1923

Age 93 years 3 months 19 days