

OBITUARY

AUGUST MOJDEN, formerly of Dwyer and recently of Veteran, residing with the families of Oscar Carlson and Harry T. Rutherford died Sunday morning July 6, 1947 and was buried Saturday morning July 12 at the Wheatland cemetery beside his wife who preceded him in death 15 years ago.

Mr. Mojden was born in Sweden, March 4, 1864 and came to America in the late 1880's to Chicago, Ill., where he was naturalized and married. From the union two children were born, who survive him. Mrs. Grace Montgomery of Easton, Ill and Wallace A. Mojden of 666 Englewood Ave., Chicago; also three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Mojden filed on a homestead at Dwyer in the fall of 1909, and in March of 1910 established residence alone in a tent in which on his first Sunday fate played a lucky hand with the elements of the weather. He left his tent to feed his team of horses tied to a wagon, and because of the raging snow and wind he missed the tent on trying to return to it, and became lost for a day, wandering around with no fences to guide him, until finally striking the railroad, he was able to guide himself back to the tent when the storm had somewhat abated. He laid down on a cot, half frozen and exhausted, and would have frozen to death had it not been for the presence of mind of a neighbor, Mr. Hedrick, who came over to see how he fared through the storm in his tent. Mr. Hedrick took Mr. Mojden to his own home for a few days to recuperate.

Mr. Mojden was the first postmaster at Dwyer and served for a number of years before the duties were taken over by his son. His son taught four terms of rural school, and his daughter will be remembered as the first telephone operator at Dwyer. The son left Dwyer in 1920 and the daughter in 1943.

Death was attributed to complications resulting from old age. (83 yrs old.)