

ISHBEL INGERSON

Birth: September 19, 1827- New York, USA

Death: August 15, 1897- Independence, Minnesota, USA

Obituary:

Ingerson.-Ashbel, near Maple Plain, Hennepin County, Minn. August 15, 1897. Mr. Ingerson's earthly pilgrimage was marked by unusually varied experiences. Born in Jefferson County N.Y., September 19, 1827. After receiving a liberal scientific and classical education, he, at the age of eighteen, went to Georgia, where he gave three years to the occupation of the schoolmaster. Returning to his native state, he was for four years a civil engineer. In 1855 he came west to Indiana, from which, after a year's sojourn, he removed to Steele County, Minn. There on August 15, 1857, he was united in marriage to Sarah A. Chase, who survives him. After having shared with him the joys and trials of life during the period of forty years to the day.

In 1862 he enlisted in the Fifth Minnesota Volunteers. After serving ten months in the ranks, he was transferred to the signal service, in which he remained until he was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Returning to civil life he first served two years as clerk in the U. S. Treasury Department in Washington D. C. In 1867 he settled in Hennepin County, Minn. Was employed four seasons in government surveying. In 1875 he represented his district in the State Legislature. In 1880 he settled on the eastern shore of beautiful Lake Independence, where, after a pilgrimage of nearly seventy years, and after long, wearying sickness, he fell asleep in Jesus, leaving behind, to sorrow in hope, a devoted wife, three daughters and three sons.

Those who knew him best esteemed and honored Mr. Ingerson highly for his fine intellectual gifts, his superior scholarship and amiable social qualities. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Maple Plain from the time of its organization. Had served acceptably as ruling elder, until on account of physical infirmities, he asked to be relieved of the responsibilities of the office.

In the presence of a large, sympathizing congregation, a former pastor, Rev. Wm. Campbell, took part in the funeral services, with the Rev. D. P. Groscup, the present pastor of the church.

In the hope of a blessed resurrection, his mortal remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Armstrong, Hennepin County, near to the graves of two brothers, who had gone to the world beyond a little while before him. (Lewis Cemetery)