

# OLD PIONEER DEAD

Henry F. Leopold Suddenly Departs from This World.

SAILED LAKE SUPERIOR

Knew It in the Days When Indians Lived on the Borders.

Came to Chicago Before the Fire and Retired from Business After That Devastating Occurrence.

Friends and acquaintances of Mr. Henry F. Leopold, an old and highly respected citizen and former well-known business man, were greatly shocked to hear of his sudden and un-

expected death, which occurred at his late residence, No. 1467 Michigan avenue, about 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. He had been in his usual good health up to a few minutes of his death, and passed away from an attack of heart disease as peacefully and painlessly as a child returning to rest.

The death of Mr. Leopold removes one of the oldest and best-known pioneers of the Lake Superior and Lake Michigan transportation business, as well as a figure closely identified with the early trade and development of the country washed by the waters of these lakes.

Mr. Leopold was born in Riechen, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, on Dec. 6, 1830, and was, consequently, in his seventy-sixth year at the time of his death. In 1845 he came to America, settling on the Island of Mackinac, where, in connection with his brothers, Samuel F.; Louis F., and Aaron F. Leopold, he engaged in trade with the Indians and in the fishery business. In 1848 he established himself at La Pointe, on Lake Superior, still engaging in the same line of business at this Indian trading post. In 1850 he removed to Eagle River, Keweenaw County, Mich., where, in connection with his brother (Samuel F.) and Mr. Joseph Austrian, he established the house of H. F. Leopold & Bros., making a specialty of mining supplies, which business was continued for many years, becoming an influential factor in the commercial and material development of that section.

Removed to Milwaukee.

In 1866 he removed from the Lake Superior country to Milwaukee, he and his brothers and brother-in-law (Mr. Joseph Austrian) having, in the meantime, established what is now known as the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior Transportation Company, of which Mr. Samuel F. Leopold is still president and Joseph Austrian general manager. In Milwaukee Mr. Leopold continued actively in the transportation business until 1869, when he came to Chicago and entered the wholesale packing business, making a great success of his undertaking, until the great Chicago fire, which destroyed his entire plant. Immediately after the fire Mr. Leopold retired from active business pursuits and lived a life full of satisfaction to his friends and to himself, until death called him to perfect rest.

Mr. Leopold, as was said before, was one of the pioneers in the Lake Superior trade, and had a home in that country when few white men inhabited that region, and, as a result, passed through many hardships, which supplied him with a fund of recollections, with which he was fond of entertaining his friends. He was of a noble and genial disposition, a liberal-minded and broad-gauged man, and his friends were legion. Always a public-spirited citizen, he resolutely refused to accept public positions, although often urged to do so.

Mr. Leopold was a prominent member of Aucho-Maariv Congregation and one of the charter members of the Standard Club, where he spent many pleasant hours. He leaves a wife, two sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss, as well as an army of friends and acquaintances. The sons are Albert F. and Edward F. Leopold, and the daughters are Mrs. Robert Hart and Miss Bertha F. Leopold. None knew Mr. Leopold but to love him, and his sudden death has brought sorrow and sadness to many hearts who knew the genial old gentleman and loved him for his great nobility of character. He was one of nature's noblemen. With him is now perfect peace, and his sorrowing friends can only bow to the will of him "who doeth all things well."

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