

WM. W. WALES DEAD

**Pioneer Settler of St. Anthony Passes
Away at His Home in
Asheville, N. C.**

**Was Mayor, Postmaster and Member
of the School Board in the
Early Days.**

William Winford Wales, one of the earliest settlers in St. Anthony, died Saturday at Asheville, N. C., where he has made his home since leaving Minneapolis. He was mayor of St. Anthony in 1857 and again in 1865, and filled the office of postmaster, and served upon the board of education of that town before it was consolidated with Minneapolis.

Mr. Wales was born in 1818 in Iredell county, N. C. With a mind always eager for knowledge he early availed himself of the limited opportunities afforded by the country school of those days, and then, going north as a teacher himself, he located first in Indiana, where he married Catherine Elliot Bundy of Greensboro, Ind. The couple soon after moved to St. Anthony Falls, where in 1854 Mr. Wales began business as a bookseller. With the growth of town into city, his business developed into the Wales Art Store, so long known to Minneapolis, and from which Mr. Wales retired in 1891.

In the "pioneer days" he held many public offices of trust, among which were mayor and postmaster. His genial personality was such as to inspire confidence and love so generally, that it was of him that his genius was for making friends. His warm sympathies and liberality of thought kept him in close touch with people, and his friends have been literally, "all sorts and conditions of men."

He has always been a nactive member of the religious "Society of Friends" in Minneapolis.

A striking circumstance is, that the closing work of his life should have taken him back to his native home, North Carolina.

This work, which has covered the past ten years, has been of a distinctly religious character, though entirely un-denominational.

It has absorbed all his time, with that of many co-workers, in establishing and the training of native Christian workers. This gospel work among the "mountain people" has been his joy, and the summons to a higher activity finds him still in the field of labor here.

The members of his family who have been with him during his brief illness, will carry out the desire he once expressed to them, that should he be called while in the field, he might be laid to rest among his native hills.

A long life of active, loving service to others is his record—and a living monument to his memory.