

# ALBERT L. WARD, 89, DIES AT FAIRMONT

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**Pioneer Martin County Banker  
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Fairmont, Minn., May 28.—Albert L. Ward, pioneer Martin county banker, publisher and former state senator, died here tonight after an illness of two years. He was 89.

Born in Chataaugus county, New York, Mr. Ward came to Martin county in 1864 after serving in the army during the Civil war. He homesteaded and started a store which he operated for 10 years.

Following this he organized the National Bank of Fairmont and later was president of the Ward Machine Co. of Fairmont, a farm machinery concern.

At the time of his death he was president of the Martin County National Bank of Fairmont; The Blue Earth Valley National Bank of Winnebago, the Truman National Bank of Truman and the Sherburne National Bank of Sherburne. He also was owner of many acres of farm land, 7,800 acres of which were located in Martin county, 3,000 acres in Vilas county, Wisconsin, 3,600 acres in Chataaugus county, New York, and 2,500 acres in northern Minnesota.

As publisher, he was owner of the Martin County Independent, which he sold to the Martin County Sentinel about a year and a half ago. He also served as state senator from Martin county in 1919 and 1921.

Death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage. Surviving are a son, DeForrest; a daughter, Lydia, and a grandson, Ward Pfiffner, all of Fairmont, and three grandchildren of San Diego, Calif. Funeral arrangements will be made Friday.

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