

Renville John J. obit

The following from the Walhalla, ND Mountaineer newspaper July 1935

John J. Renville 1853-1935, Resident of State Since 1853, Dies Walhalla, N. D.

John J. Renville, who died at his home here recently, was generally accorded the distinction of having lived longer in North Dakota than any other person.

Born in Pembina August 7, 1853 Mr. Renville was a resident of Pembina county until his death July 5th - a period of almost 82 years. He was also recognized as the state's oldest Democrat.

Mr. Renville's father, Francis Renville, was one of the first white men in this section. He carried mail by dogsled between Pembina and St. Paul for many years and was killed by Sioux Indians on one of his many journeys.

John became a mail carrier at an early age and made four trips a month from Pembina to Cavalier and Walhalla with an ox team or on horseback. In 1881 he was married to Mathilda Brache at Leroy. They made their home at Cavalier for many years before moving to Walhalla 23 years ago. (1912)

The widow and nine children survive. They are Roy Renville of German, Manitoba; Mrs. Daniel Livingston of Weyburn, Sask; Fred and Archie Renville of Harvey, ND; Ernest Renville of Minneapolis, and Peter, Louis, and Joe Renville of Walhalla.

Funeral services were held at St. Boniface Catholic Church here with Rev. Longpre officiating. Burial was in the Walhalla cemetery.