

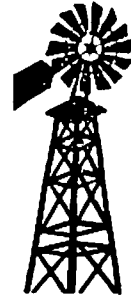


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is from the history of GRACE CHURCH MADISON

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William Harrison Beadle

A distinguished member of Grace Episcopal Church was General William Harrison Beadle. General Beadle was born in 1838, Baptised in 1858, and then Confirmed in Grace Episcopal Church at Madison, SD on October 3, 1909 at the age of seventy-one.

His greatest service to the people of our state at large was his foresight, statesmanship and perserverance displayed in the preservation of our school lands.

He arrived in SD the last part of April 1869. He saw that the land was being gobbled up cheap by land sharks for as little as \$1.25 per acre, leaving no place for schools. He was instrumental in setting the price of land at \$10.00 per acre for section sixteen and section thirty-six of each township to be set aside for schools. He traveled to other states such as Minnesota, Iowa, Illinios, Indiana, and Michigan talking to Govenors and other people of importance trying to get his idea put in force. Many asked if he thought that the land ever would be worth that much and his reply was "yes and three or four times that much."

He was Superintendent of Public Instruction for six years and it was at that time he was able to get his dream put into legislation.

A Statue of him stands on the Capitol grounds at Pierre and another on the Campus of Dakota State College where he was a professor and it was known as Eastern State Teachers College until changed to it's present name of Dakota State College.

He was confirmed by Ass't Bishop Frederick Johnson during the time that Rev. Richard Hartman was Priest at Grace Episcopal Church.