

Elkton *1961* Pioneer Dies at 97

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ELKTON — Mrs. Eleanor Snider, Elkton pioneer and widow of Foldin Snider, who nearly 80 years ago helped her husband hew a homestead of 40 acres from the wilderness south of here, died Monday in Rapson Rest Home at Pigeon at the age of 97.

Born Aug. 31, 1863, at St. Catherine, Ont., she came to Huron County with her husband at the age of 19. Her husband, then 21, had been working in a mill at Sebewaing.

Two weeks after their arrival in Huron County, the couple purchased the 40 acres of land here where they erected a cabin and drilled a well. They cleared the land with oxen.

Snider, who helped neighbors clear land with the aid of his oxen, also cleared 10 acres of land, part of which is now the main corner in the Elkton business district.

At that time, Mrs. Snider often walked 2½ miles to the nearest grocery at Canboro for food and kerosene.

Their first crop from the cleared portion of their farm was 24 bushels of wheat. Snider supplemented the meager income by mowing grain with a cradle scythe at the then high pay of \$1 per acre.

The Sniders moved to a farm in Chandler Township in 1898 and to Elkton in 1919. Her husband died in 1942.

Mrs. Snider is survived by five sons, Arthur and Clayton, both of Bad Axe; Norman, Sarasota, Fla.; Floyd, Pigeon, and Blake, Saginaw; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Quackenbush, Lupton; 16 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Elkton Methodist Church with the Rev. Frank Greer officiating. Burial will be in Souletown Cemetery.

The body is at the Colgan Funeral Chapel and will be removed to the church at noon Wednesday.