

LARGEST FAMILY IN THE STATE

MANITOWOC CLAIMS THAT NONE
OR IN THE HOUGHTON FAM-
ILY.—FORTY-SIX CHILD-
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ARE ALL PROGRESSIVES

WITH ONE EXCEPTION.—BUT
ONE DEATH IN FAMILY OF
TWELVE CHILDREN.—
MOTHER LIVING.

Manitowoc can challenge the state on a single family of children, twelve in number who have an issue of forty-six children. They are known as the "Houghton family" and with a few exceptions all live in the Second ward. Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Houghton were well known early settlers of the city. Mrs. Houghton was born in New York state and came to Manitowoc sixty years ago. Her maiden name was Mary Jones. Her marriage to Elijah Houghton who was a well known vessel man in the early days, resulted in the issue of twelve children. He died about thirteen years ago but his wife who is now 69 years of age resides in the city and is enjoying fairly good health. The children are all respected citizens of the city. The News wishes to issue a challenge to any city in the state to produce a family with a like number of children. Had Manitowoc a few more families like the Houghtons we would have a population of 25,000. The following is a list of the family and its children:

George Houghton, eight children, three boys and five girls. (George is the only member of the family of the twelve children deceased).

William Houghton, seven children three boys and four girls.

John Houghton, four children, one boy and three girls.

Emma Houghton (Mrs. Charles Christensen) six children, two boys

~~Lizzie Houghton~~ (Mrs. Robert Runge) four children, all girls.

Walter Houghton, four children, one boy and three girls.

Frank Houghton, the only non-producer in the family.

Elijah Houghton, one child, a boy. His wife died a few years ago.

Blanche Houghton (Mrs. Jay Selles, Ashland, Wis.), three children, two boys and one girl.

Mabel Houghton (Mrs. Charles Allen), three children, all girls.

Charles Houghton, two children, one boy and one girl.

Allen), three children.