

Milo L. Barney

September 14, 1836 - Jan. 23, 1916

Milo L. Barney, mention of whose death was made in these columns last week, was a native of Jefferson county, New York, having been born there on the 14th of September, 1836. He left his native state in the early years of his life, however, coming to Green county, Wisconsin, in the year 1855, when but nineteen years of age. He first located at Monroe, where he secured temporary employment in sticking type on the old Monroe Sentinel, which vocation he followed for a few months. In the winter of 1855 he taught school in Clarno, returning to home in New York state the following spring to spend the summer. In the fall of 1856 he came back to Green county and accepted a position for the winter as teacher of a school in Adams township. The following spring he bought a farm in Washington township, a few miles from Monticello, and, in the same year, his parents came from New York and purchased a farm in an adjoining section. Mr. Barney acquired another farm in the spring of 1866, upon which he lived until June, 1879, when he rented it and moved to Monticello. Since that time he had continuously made his home in this village.

He was married Jan. 1, 1859, to Annie Burtis, who was born at Saratoga, N. Y., and who preceded him in death on Dec. 2, 1911. Seven children were born to them, of which five, Eugene, of Watts, Cal.; Mrs. Belle Aubrey, of Chicago; Robert A, of Monticello; Mrs. Fannie Curtas, of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Mary Van Norman, of Monticello, are still living.

Coming here in the early fifties, Mr. Barney was numbered among the early settlers in Green county. For more than half a century he lived in this village and the immediate vicinity, where he was known to all as a man of commendable character and one whose reputation for honesty, and square dealing was never questioned by his fellowmen. Mr. Barney was a man who spent a great deal of his leisure time in reading his favorite books and periodicals, and his fund of knowledge was such that he could converse intelligently upon almost any subject. In his death the children lose a kind and considerate father and the community a citizen who was most worthy in every sense of the word.

Mr. Barney's death occurred shortly after 9 o'clock on Sunday evening, Jan. 23, following an illness of two weeks with a carbuncle on the shoulder. As stated in last week's issue, he passed through a serious sick spell about a year ago, but since then he had been unusually active for one of his years, and consequently the announcement of his critical illness and subsequent death was a great surprise to his numerous friends here and elsewhere.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday last at 2 o'clock from the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. W. Van Norman, his remains being interred in the family lot in the old cemetery. Rev. Muehlmeier officiated and many neighbors and friends of the family were present at the last sad rites.