

Charles H. Baxter
March 24, 1841 – July 18, 1903

C. H. BAXTER IS NO MORE

Passes Away Saturday Afternoon After Illness of Several Months Duration

Chas. H. Baxter, who has been in a critical condition for several months past, passed away at his home in this village Saturday afternoon at about 4 o'clock. He suffered from progressive paralysis, but the immediate cause of his death was due to a hemorrhage, which he suffered early in the day. The deceased had been in failing health for the past year or more, during which time his health has steadily declined. In company with his wife and J. E. Pierce, he took a trip to California last winter in the hopes that the change of climate would be of benefit to him, but to no avail. He returned in the early spring and since that time his condition has been such that he was unable to leave the house.

Chas. H. Baxter was a native of Vermont, having been born at Wolcott, that state, on March 24, 1841. He came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1853. His father purchased 240 acres of land on Sec. 20 and the subject of this sketch spent his younger days in assisting his father to improve the farm and in attending the district school, later attending the Evansville seminary two terms. In the fall of '61 he enlisted with the 8th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, going into camp at Madison. A month later he enlisted in the United States service and soon after went to Missouri, where he did guard duty at various points along the Iron Mountain Railroad. At Point Pleasant, Mo., their provisions gave out and they were obliged to forage for what they had to eat, often having nothing but corn, which they ground in the plantation mills. His health failed and April 26, 1862, he obtained a furlough and returned home. He reported for duty at the expiration of his furlough and remained in the division hospital at Camp Randall until July, when he was transferred to Keokuk, and there discharged on account of disability in Nov. 26, 1862. He returned home and was unable to do much work for the three years following. In 1866 he bought a farm on Sec. 18, which he improved and lived upon until 1881, when he disposed of the same and moved to Monticello, where he has since continued to reside.

Mr. Baxter was of an industrious disposition and by the thrift and frugality practiced in the early years of his life, he succeeded in accumulating considerable property. He was an upright and honorable citizen, a kind and accommodating neighbor and his demise, although not unexpected, occasioned deep regret among a large circle of friends.

In 1866 Mr. Baxter was united in marriage to Mary E. Schoonover, the widow who, with one daughter, Mrs. H. A. Adrian, of Berkeley, Cal., survive to mourn the loss of a kind and indulgent husband and father. The sympathy of all are with the afflicted ones in their deep sorrow.

The deceased was a member of the John Ross Post G. A. R., under whose auspices the funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Advent Christian church. The services were conducted by Elder A. E. Bloom and the church was filled with sympathizing neighbors and friends.

Those present from a distance were: A. H. Baxter, Iowa Falls, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Falter, Miss Lona Pierce, Janesville, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tompkins, Mrs. A. W. Tompkins, Mrs. C. Meinert and daughter, Mrs. Lockridge, Albany.