

Ira Baxter Jr.
1814 – August 5, 1881

It became our painful duty to record the death of our fellow townsman, Mr. Ira Baxter. After a protracted illness of over eight weeks, he was called to rest on Friday morning, Aug. 5th. The remains were interred the next day.

The funeral services were brief. Rev. E. T. Briggs offered prayer at the house, and the remains were followed to their resting place by friends.

The main cause of his death being involved in some obscurity. Doctors Flower, Hall and Confer, held a post-mortem examination which revealed a sac near his liver, from which 30 pints of fluid had been extracted by them at sixappings; it revealed also a large melanotic cancer, originating in the mesentery. It had become attached to the stomach and crowded it somewhat from its proper position. It was attached also to the liver, spleen, pancreas, and intestines, gluing them together in one solid mass. The physicians pronounce this a very extraordinary case.

Ira Baxter was born in 1814 and was at the time of his death 67 years of age. He was a native of Vermont, being born at Vershire in that State.

In 1839 he married Celia Titus, and in 1853 came to Wisconsin, locating at Janesville; in the latter part of the same year moved to Mt. Pleasant and devoted himself to the pursuit of agriculture.

In 1866, he retired from active life and removed to Monticello, and having secured an ample competency, the remainder of his days were occupied in the management of it.

He leaves a wife, two sons, and one daughter to mourn his death.

The long continued watching has prostrated Mrs. Baxter on a bed of sickness, from which it is hoped she will soon recover.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.