

## **Fred S. Blum**

**Jan. 6, 1857 – September 17, 1948**

### **Fred S. Blum, 91, Esteemed Resident Of Village, Expires Sudden Heart Attack is Fatal Friday Morning; Rites Held**

Funeral services for Fred S. Blum, 91 years of age, life-long resident of the Monticello community and highly esteemed and respected citizen of Monticello for many years, who passed away at 11:10 Friday morning in his home here, were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here.

Prayer service for the family and relatives was held at 2 in the Blum residence. The Reverend A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were: John C. Baebler, Henry J. Elmer, Diet. Freitag, Laurance G. Marty, Emil Voegeli, Sr., and M. R. Zimmerman.

In comparatively good health for one of his advanced years, Mr. Blum began to fail considerably a few weeks ago. He rallied nicely, however, and apparently had regained his usual condition. Suddenly and without warning he was seized with a heart attack Friday and passed away at 11:10 a. m.

### **Washington Township Native**

A native of Washington township, Mr. Blum was born on the homestead farm, a short distance west of Monticello, Jan. 6, 1857, the son of Fridolin and Dorothea Steussy Blum. He attended rural schools and was united in marriage to Mary Anna Schuler Nov. 24, 1885, the ceremony taking place in New Glarus. Mr. and Mrs. Blum farmed in Washington township for many years. Upon retiring from the farm, Mr. and Mrs. Blum moved to Monticello. He became a member and employee of the Peoples Supply Company store here, now owned by his son, W. E. Blum.

Mr. Blum was confirmed at New Glarus April 6, 1873, by the late Rev. Etter. He was formerly a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

Observing open house on the occasion of his 90th birthday anniversary last year, Mr. Blum had the pleasure of greeting a large number of his friends, both from this community and distant points.

An esteemed resident of the village for many years, Mr. Blum acquired the high regard and deep respect of all who knew him and his sudden passing was occasioned by sincere regret among his many friends and acquaintances.

He particularly enjoyed reading and conversation with relatives and friends.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Anna U. Blum, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Edyth R. Stoll, Monticello; one son, William E. Blum, Monticello; one brother, John A. Blum, Hampton, Iowa, and one sister, Mrs. Kate Fischli, Milwaukee. He was preceded in death by his wife in July, 1936, two brothers, Edward J., Monticello, and Sam, Monroe, and three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Pierce and Mrs. Anna Juingst, Monticello, and Mrs. Lena Wild, Belleville.