

**John J. Bontly**  
**May 17, 1861 – July 1935**

**FINAL RITES FOR J. J. BONTLY, 74, HERE THIS P. M.**  
**Highly Respected Citizen Dies at 2:15 Tuesday Morning**

John J. Bontly, for many years an esteemed and respected citizen of this community, passed away at 2:15 Monday morning at the family home on Monroe street, the end coming after a lingering illness of several months duration. He suffered from heart trouble and had been confined to his bed for a period of several weeks preceding the end.

Mr. Bontly was a native of Tennessee, having been born in Nashville on May 17, 1861. He was the son of the late John and Rosina Schuler Bontly. He came to Green county from his native state in the seventies and for some years thereafter devoted his attention to farming in the vicinity of Postville. He later turned his attention to cheese making and some years later became engaged in the wholesale cheese business in Monticello in company with his brother, Christ. Bontly, now a resident of Madison. This co-partnership continued for a period of 16 years. Subsequently Mr. Bontly became interested in the mercantile business and for some years was engaged in conducting a general store here in company with his son, W. E. Bontly, the business being carried on under the firm name of W. E. Bontly & Co. He retired from active business several years ago.

One June 9, 1881, Mr. Bontly was united in marriage, in Monroe, to Miss Mary Mitchell, Monticello, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, who were among the early residents of the village. Born to this union were six children, all but one of whom survive. They are Mrs. O. E. Zentner, Monticello; Mrs. Alfred Voegeli, Monroe; W. E. Bontly, Mrs. Ernest Dalfan and Mrs. Edward Konkall, all of Madison. Besides the widow, and the children above mentioned, he also leaves nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two brothers, Christ Bontly, Madison, and Andrew Bontly, Monticello.

Mr. Bontly was an exemplary citizen and one who will be greatly missed by friends and relatives alike because of his ever congenial disposition and neighborly ways. He was for many years a member of the Monticello Reformed church and was also affiliated with the local Masonic lodge.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 this (Thursday) afternoon in the home and at 2 in the Reformed church, with the Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiating. Interment will be in Highland cemetery. Rites at the grave will be under the auspices of the Masonic order. Out of respect to the deceased, all local business places will be closed during the services.