

Rev Abiezer Bridges
Feb. 5, 1786 - May 26, 1863

"Rev. Abiezer Bridges, closed his earthly pilgrimage at Monticello, Wis., May 26, 1863, aged 79 years.

He was converted and commenced preaching on South Fox Island, Maine, where his labors were blessed. He was at this time connected with the Congregationalists. Being a Free Baptist in sentiment, he went to Lincolnton, where he was baptized, and ordained in 1821. He preached in various places with success, organizing churches at Long Island, Hope, and China, and baptizing during his ministry more than 1,000 converts. Without especial training for the work, his good common sense, and his happy faculty of expressing his ideas clearly and easily with his love of singing, gave him a large measure of success.

About twenty years before his death he went to Wisconsin for the remaining years of his life.

NOTE: Born in Penobscot, Hancock County, Maine