

Richard Dooly, Sr.

Oct. 25, 1846 – Nov. 13, 1921

Richard Dooly, Sr., Dies of Apoplexy of the Brain

Another of Green county's pioneers was called home on Sunday morning of this week when Richard Dooly, Sr., a life-long resident of this vicinity, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at his home a half mile east of the village limits. His death was due to apoplexy of the brain and it was while he was lost in peaceful slumber that his long and useful life was brought to an end. He was apparently in his usual health and spirits when he retired the evening before. A short time before he breathed his last, however, Mrs. Dooly was awakened when she heard him sigh once or twice in his sleep. Being unable to awaken him, she summoned the other members of the family, but he breathed his last shortly after they reached his bedside.

Mr. Dooly was born at East Troy, Walworth county, Wisconsin, on Oct. 25, 1846. He came to this vicinity with his parents when four years of age, and since then had always made his home a short distance east of the village. Since 1874 he had lived on the farm where death overtook him.

His marriage to Miss Cecelia Q'Donnell occurred on Sept. 29, 1873. To this union five children were born, all but one of whom survive. They are Richard Dooly and Mrs. Margaret McCann, at home; John, of Juda, and Henry, living just west of the village. One son, George, preceded him in death fourteen years ago. Two brothers, James and Edward, of Monticello, one sister, Mrs. Michael Fahey, of Belleville, and four grandchildren, Anastasia McCann, Gerald Dooly, David and Alice Dooly, also survive him.

Mr. Dooly was a man of fine character, a worthy citizen and a true friend and neighbor. He was closely devoted to his home and family and in the great sorrow occasioned by his sudden death the bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of all.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. Patrick's church, Albany, with Rev. Father McDermott officiating. The pall bearers were Gerald Flood, Bernard O'Donnell, James Dooly, Frank Dooley, John Dooley and George Dooly, all nephews of the deceased.

Relatives in attendance from a distance were: Mrs. William Flood and son, Gerald, of Elroy; Mrs. Cathryn O'Donnell and son, John. Pierce O'Donnell and daughter, Cecelia, and son, Bernard, Mrs. Mark Grinnell, George and Cathryn Whalen, of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Garry, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Wood, Mrs. John Meredith and two sons, of Evansville; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Dooly, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Neville, of Brodhead; Mr. and Mrs. John Dooly, of Juda; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connell, James Whalen, Frank Whalen, Thomas Whalen, Mr. and Mrs, John Dooly, Mrs. Frank Howard, Frank Dooly, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dooly, James and Frank Dooly, Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. Henry Hoarne, of Janesville; Mrs. Catherine Bidwell, of Chicago; Margaret and James Cunningham, of Dayton.