

## **Fred Gerber**

Dec. 29, 1858 - 1926

### **END COMES TO FRED GERBER**

#### **Well Known Citizen Passes Away Following Stroke**

Monticello lost one of its worthy and most highly esteemed citizens on Friday evening of last week, when Fred Gerber, for forty-three years a resident of the village, answered the final summons at his home on West street. His death occurred at 9:30 p.m. following a stroke of paralysis with which he was stricken on Wednesday evening—just two days previous.

Mr. Gerber was a son of Nicholas Gerber, one of the early settlers in this section of Green county. He was a native of New York state, having been born at Boonville on Dec. 29, 1858.

Following his arrival here from the east Mr. Gerber spent the early years of his life in and around New Glarus, where, on Nov. 6, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Verena Marty, of that village. This union was blessed with two children, Mrs. C. L. Barlow, now a resident of Madison, and N. H. Gerber, who has been engaged in business at Baraboo for some years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerber took up their home in Monticello a few years after their marriage and, with the exception of a few years spent at Belleville, had always made Monticello their home.

For twenty-eight years Mr. Gerber was identified with the business interests of the village, having been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business during that time. By reason of the honest and fairness which marked his every business transaction and his well known skill as an undertaker he was successful beyond the average. He retired from business some years ago, when he sold his building and stock to F. W. Voegeli, the present owner.

Mr. Gerber was a member of the Monticello Reformed church and was also affiliated with the local Masonic lodge, the I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen of America. He also served as chief of the local fire department for a long term of years and was still an honorary member of that organization.

Mr. Gerber was closely devoted to his home and family and there was nothing which gave him more pleasure than to provide for the comfort and enjoyment of those near and dear to him. He always stood for those things which made for a better community and could always be counted upon as a booster for any civic improvement. He was a man such as any community can ill afford to lose; a kind and indulgent husband and father; a public spirited citizen; a fine neighbor.

Besides the bereaved widow and the two children above referred to, he leaves five grandchildren. He is also survived by his step-mother, Mrs. Nicholas Gerber, of Monroe, and two sisters and two brothers. They are Mrs. Sophia Alder, Monroe; Mrs. Edward Leibly, Rice Lake; John Gerber, Ames, Iowa, and Nic. Gerber, Wyoming, Ohio.

Living also are the following half brothers and two half sisters: Mrs. L. T. Harrison and Mrs. Wm. Kemp, Winnipeg, Canada; Wm. Gerber, Los Angeles, Cal.; Henry Gerber, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Edward Gerber, Kansas City, Mo.; Robert Gerber, Monroe.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 1:30 at the home and at 2 o'clock at the Reformed church, with Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiating. Burial was in Highland cemetery. Besides numerous floral offerings from individual friends conspicuous among the silent and beautiful tributes were offerings from each of the three local lodges, the Legion band, of Baraboo, the Rentschler Floral Co., Madison, and the Jos. Bub company. The services were in charge of the Masonic lodge.

The last rites were attended by a large concourse of relatives, friends and neighbors, many being present from New Glarus, Monroe, and other nearby points. Those from a distance included: Mr. and Mrs. John Gerber and daughter, Ruth, of Ames Iowa; Mrs. Lena Leibly of Rice Lake; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Marty and daughter, Ethel, of Elkhorn; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Marty, of Baraboo; Mrs. Will Preston, of Beloit.