

Henry Holdrich
December 29, 1844 – February 1932
FINAL RITES FOR H. HOLDRICH, 87, HERE YESTERDAY
Passes Away Monday A. M. From Heart Trouble

Masonic funeral services for Henry Holdrich, 87 years of age, for 52 years a member of the Masonic lodge, who passed away about 9 o'clock Monday morning in the home of his son, John Holdrich, residing near Brooklyn, were conducted at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Parker Patterson, and at 2 in the Reformed church.

The Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the church, officiated and interment was in Highland cemetery. The Masonic ritual was administered at the grave by County Judge W. A. Loveland, a member of the local Masonic chapter.

Pallbearers were F. H. Steinman, J. P. Zweifel, Jr., Charles Younggreen, Henry J. Elmer, Albert Knobel, and J. W. Barlow.

Eloquently testifying to the high esteem in which Mr. Holdrich was regarded in the Monticello community and elsewhere, an unusually large assemblage attended the last rites. Masonic lodge members and scores of other acquaintances from many surrounding cities and villages were present.

Henry Holdrich was a native of Germany, having been born at Schwangau, Fussen county, Bayern, on December 29, 1844. He was baptized in early infancy. He grew to manhood in his native country and came to America in 1867, arriving in New York City on Feb. 27th of that year. He spent the following five years in that city where he took up the manufacture of American cheese.

Mr. Holdrich came to Wisconsin and Green county in 1876 and for the next 14 years he was employed as a maker of American cheese at Dayton, Monticello, and New Glarus. He was one of the first to have charge of the old American cheese factory in Monticello, which structure, still standing on its original site, is one of the few remaining landmarks of the early days.

Moving from Monticello to New Glarus in 1880, Mr. Holdrich had charge of the old American cheese factory in that village for the following 10 years, when he discontinued working at his trade and returned to Monticello to make his home. Subsequently, however, he had charge of an American factory at Humbird, this state, for one season.

On April 24, 1879, Mr. Holdrich was united in marriage to Margaret Disch, who preceded him in death on August 7, 1927. He is survived by one son, John, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. For the past year he had made his home with his son in Brooklyn township.

In the passing of Mr. Holdrich, the community loses one of its most interesting and familiar figures. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow men to the fullest extent. Mr. Holdrich was a fine neighbor, a worthy citizen, and his circle of friends was limited only by the number of his acquaintances.

Two years ago Mr. Holdrich was honored by the local Masonic lodge with a banquet on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his membership in the order, at which time he was presented with an honor certificate from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. During his long connection with the local lodge, Mr. Holdrich served 25 years as secretary and eight , years as treasurer.