

OLD RESIDENT EXPIRES.

Ira T. Humiston Passed away on Friday at Ripe Old age.

Dec. 19, 1824 - Jan. 6, 1905

By the death of Ira T. Humiston on Friday afternoon, Jan. 6, another member drops from the rapidly thinning ranks of the old soldiers and pioneers and passes over to the silent majority. Mr. Humiston was born in Allegheny county, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1824. When he was 4 years of age his parents removed to Chautauqua county where in a subscription school he obtained his education. At the age of 14 he was apprenticed to a blacksmith with whom he remained five years. He then established himself in business and continued the same until 1856. In that year he came to Wisconsin and settled in Monticello where he worked at his trade until 1851. Upon the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in Co. I, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry and for two years was engaged in scouting among the Guerrillas of the southwest. At the end of this period his health became greatly impaired and he was given his discharge because of disability and returned home. He never fully recovered his health and the effects of this illness remained with him throughout life. In 1864 he purchased a farm on section 3, town of Mt. Pleasant upon which he resided until 1882 when he came to this village which ever since has been his home.

Mr. Humiston was a member of the local Masonic lodge, being a charter member both of that and of the G. A. R. Post.

In 1849, at Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., he was married to Miss Helen M. Woodworth. Their family comprised two sons, Robert and Fred W. and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Ada Borchert, with whom he had made his home for some time.

The funeral was held at the Adventist Christian church Sunday at 1:30 p. m., under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge. The services at the church were conducted by Prof. W. T. Ream, assisted by Elder A. E. Bloom. The ladies of the W. R. C. attended in a body and rendered their brief, but beautiful and impressive ceremony and made an offering of a beautiful floral tribute.

After the services his remains were interred in the cemetery beside those of his wife who four years before, upon the same day of the year and at the same hour, had been consigned to rest within the bosom of mother earth. At the grave the beautiful words of the Masonic ritual were spoken in an impressive manner by Thos. Carver, of Albany.

In disposition Mr. Humiston was cheerful, and of a free and open nature, ever kind in his family relations and a staunch friend. Though he has passed away forever and his form will never more be seen along the old familiar ways, yet memories of him will linger long and pleasantly among the many who composed his circle of friends.

Besides the relatives present at the funeral from a distance, a large number of visiting Masons from neighboring lodges were also in attendance.