

## **William Jordan**

**Dec. 5, 1838 – June 12, 1919**

The death of William Jordan, mention of which was made in these columns last week, removes from our midst one of the very earliest pioneers of the village. He came here with his parents from the state of Maine in the year 1850 and since that time—a span of nearly three-quarters of a century—he had continuously made this village his home.

Not only had he made Monticello his home for a longer period of years than any other person, but his business career also extended over a longer period of years than that of any person who was ever engaged in business here.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Jordan and one of a family of thirteen children. He was but twelve years of age when he came here from Norway, Maine, where he was born on Dec. 5, 1838. It was in 1860 that he went to Monroe and started to learn the trade of harness-maker. One year later he opened a harness shop in Monticello, starting in a small way and adding to his stock from year to year until he had developed a profitable business which he continued to conduct until the fall of 1917, when he retired because of his advancing age.

Mr. Jordan enjoyed fairly good health for one of years until a few months ago, since which time his mind had become more or less affected. He appeared to have no recollection of incidents which transpired in recent years but he often talked of incidents in connection with his boyhood days back in the village of Norway, Maine— little affairs which the members of his family had never before heard him mention. Along with his loss of memory he suffered with other old age complications which finally resulted in his death on the morning of June 12, 1919, following a stroke of paralysis.

He was married at Monroe on Oct. 21, 1865, to Miss Rosina Zwickey, who preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 1918.

He was the father of five children. Two died in infancy and one son, W. H., passed away on Feb. 16, 1917. Surviving him are two sons, Fred and Charles A., both of whom live in Monticello. He is also survived by two brothers, John, of Rolfe, Iowa and Leonard, of Janesville.

Funeral services were held from his late home on Saturday, June 14, his remains being lowered to their last resting place in the family lot in Highland cemetery. Rev. G. D. Elliker, of New Glarus, conducted the services, which were attended by a goodly number of relatives and friends.