

Dominick Kennedy

May 28, 1844 – 1921

Dominick Kennedy, mention of whose death was made in these columns last week, was a native of Ireland, having been born on May 28, 1844, at Kalala, county Mayo. He came to America at the age of twenty years, landing at New York on New Year's day, 1864. For a number of years thereafter he was employed in the woolen mills at West Eaton, that state.

Mr. Kennedy's marriage to Miss Ellen O'Malley took place at Pierceville, N. Y., on April 30, 1865, and two years later the couple came to Monticello, taking up their home near the Monticello woolen mills which had then been in operation but a comparatively short time. With the exception of three years, during which time he was located at Janesville, the deceased had resided here continuously since coming from the east.

Since first coming to Monticello Mr. Kennedy had always been identified with the woolen mills in one way or another, first as an employee of the old stock company which founded the institution and later as owner in company with two of his sons, Thomas and Charles D. For the past thirty years the business has been carried on under the firm name of D. Kennedy & Sons.

Mr. Kennedy was a man who had always enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and esteem of his fellow men. For more than half a century he had been a familiar figure in the community and during all of this long term of years his honesty and integrity had never been questioned. He was possessed of a kind and congenial disposition and was by nature an optimist; being inclined to look upon the bright side of things even in troublesome times. In politics Mr. Kennedy was staunch republican and had always advocated those measures which were designed for the common good. His death removes from our midst one who will not only be greatly missed by the immediate relatives but by the entire community as well.

The deceased is survived by five sons, as follows: Thomas, James and Charles, of Monticello; John, of Janesville and Frank, of Oconto Falls. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Margaret Mockler, of Morrisonville, N. Y., whom he visited last year. Mrs. Kennedy preceded him in death about eight years ago.

His remains were taken across the country to Janesville on Wednesday, March 2, and were lowered to their last resting place in the family lot in Mt. Olivet cemetery. Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church, with Rev. Francis H. Wittemann officiating.