

BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL
Last Rites for Mrs. Ellen Kilgore Were Held Saturday Afternoon
July 15, 1849 – March 21, 1928

Many local people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Steinmann at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon where they paid their last tribute of respect to an old friend and former neighbor, Mrs. Ellen Kilgore, whose death occurred in Madison on Wednesday evening, March 21, after a period of failing health which had its inception about two years ago. Mrs. Kilgore answered the final summons at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Lehmann, Madison, with whom she had been spending the past few weeks. Services were held at the Lehmann home at 10 o'clock a. m. after which the remains were brought to Monticello for interment. Burial was in the family lot in the old cemetery following the rites at the Steinmann home.

The deceased was a native of Bruff, Ireland, having been born there on July 15, 1849, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Rourke. She came to America with her parents when still an infant, the family coming direct to Wisconsin and locating on a farm near Monroe. It was here that she grew to young womanhood.

Her marriage to Erasmus Manford Kilgore occurred on April 20, 1868. Following their marriage the couple came to Monticello to make their home. After a life of faithful devotion to his family, Mr. Kilgore was called to his eternal reward on Feb. 4, 1894, leaving the subject of this sketch with eight children, the youngest of whom was but 3 months old. How well she met the difficulties which naturally confronted her in the years that followed, and how well she reared her children to become useful and worthy citizens, is a matter of common knowledge to all of her acquaintances in the "old home town" where she spent the best years of her life. She was not only a loving and devoted mother, but as a neighbor and friend she had always enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all with whom she came in contact.

She is survived by two sons, Forrest M. Kilgore and Clyde E. Kilgore, of Madison, and six daughters, Mrs. Herbert J. Lehmann, Madison; Mrs. Grace Aldrich, Black Earth; Mrs. M. C. Durst, Monroe; Mrs. Geo. C. Steinmann, Monticello; Mrs. Avon Nottingham, Detroit, and Mrs. Elmer L. Goldsmith, Indianapolis. She also leaves two brothers, two sisters and seven grandchildren.

Among the relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were a niece, Miss Bridgetta Farrell, and a nephew, Ambrose Rourke, both of Monticello, Iowa.

Mrs. Kilgore had been a resident of Madison for the past twenty years, but during the intervening time she had quite frequently returned for brief visits and thereby kept in touch with her old neighbors and friends.