

## **FUNERAL TODAY FOR A. S. LEWIS**

**May 1, 1850—1928**

### **Aged Local Citizen Passes Away Here Monday Afternoon**

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Amza Lewis, 78 years old, well known Monticello citizen, who passed away at his home here shortly before 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, following a lingering illness which had its inception several years ago. Short services were held at the home at 1:30 o'clock and a half hour later in the Reformed church, with the Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiating. Burial was in Exeter cemetery.

The direct cause of his death was terminal pneumonia, with which he had been ill for some time. Old age complications hastened his demise.

Mr. Lewis was a native of Brooklyn township, having been born there May 1, 1850, as son of Mr. and Mrs. Amza Lewis, Sr. The parents were both easterners, the father having been born in New York state and Mrs. Lewis, nee Hickock, in Vermont. The deceased's father succumbed when he was still a young boy, while Mrs. Lewis passed away 26 years ago, at the ripe age of 83.

Mr. Lewis' boyhood days were spent on the old homestead in Brooklyn township, with the exception of a year or two spent in Evansville where he attended the Seminary.

When he was 19 years old, he was married Feb. 11, 1869, to Miss Mary Magee (Jan. 28, 1847- Dec. 11, 1895), Exeter township. The scene of the wedding was the old Magee homestead which remains as a land-mark of the days when Exeter as a mining town was one of the most thriving communities between Mineral Point and Milwaukee.

To this union were born five children, three of whom died in infancy. The two remaining children, both daughters, grew to womanhood and were married, but preceded their father in death. They were Mrs. John Dalrymple, Dayton, who passed away Easter Sunday, April 3, 1896, a bride of only two and one-half weeks, and Mrs. John Dooley, who was claimed by death April 10, 1906.

The first few years of the deceased's married life was spent in Iowa. Travel in those days was exceedingly slow and because of the absence of bridges, Mr. Lewis was compelled to ford the Mississippi eight times before such structures finally spanned the two shores.

While a resident of Iowa, Mr. Lewis nearly lost his life in a western blizzard. At 3 o'clock one afternoon, he walked to a neighbors home to assure himself of the safety of a relative. As he was on his way home, a terrific blizzard blew up, making it impossible to see but a few feet ahead. With the sleet lashing him in the face, Mr. Lewis wandered aimlessly until 2 o'clock the next morning when he sighted a light in the distance. Nearly worn out from fatigue, he dragged himself towards the light, which happened to be in his own home. Mrs. Lewis had sat up all night holding a lamp by the window so that her husband might better find his way through the raging storm.

After remaining in Iowa for two or three years, the couple moved back to Green county where the gentleman purchased the farm near Attica now owned by Herman Klitzman. After the death of his father-in-law, George Magee, Mr. Lewis acquired the old Magee homestead where he had lived for over 40 years.

Mr. Lewis was subsequently married to Verena Disch, New Glarus, who still survives him.. The marriage took place Jan. 21, 1897, in the Magee homestead where he had been united in wedlock 27 years before.

The family came to Monticello to reside in 1900. Two years later Mr. Lewis erected the present Jacob Burgy home, which he sold six years later and moved back onto his farm. When his health began to fail him, Mr. Lewis and family returned to Monticello in 1920.

Mr. Lewis was widely known in the northern part of Green county where he had made his home practically all of his life with the exception of the few years spent in Iowa. He was an honest and upright citizen, whose motto throughout life has been, "do unto others as you would like to have them do unto you."

Besides the widow, he is survived by one son, Roy A., at home, three grandchildren, Sheldon H. and Amza Roy Lewis and Gerald A. Dooley, all of Monticello, and one niece, Blanch Devine, Evansville. A sister Mrs. Emma J. Ruty, Evansville, and three half sisters preceded him in death.