

## **George W. Lewis**

**August 4, 1845 – May 1931**

### **GEO. W. LEWIS, 86 YEARS OLD, PASSES FRIDAY**

#### **Succumbs to Pneumonia At Masonic Home, Dousman**

Funeral services for George W. Lewis, aged 86, whose death occurred at the Masonic home at Dousman early Friday morning following an illness from pneumonia, were held here Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the Voegeli funeral home and at 2 in the Railroad avenue cemetery where the remains were laid to rest in the family lot.

The rites were held under the auspices of Monticello Union Lodge, No. 155, A. F. and A. M., of which the deceased had been a member for many years. The services in the home were conducted by Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Reformed church, while the impressive rites of the Masonic order were carried out at the grave, with Thomas Carver, member of the Albany lodge, officiating.

George W. Lewis was a member of one of the pioneer families of this vicinity. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lewis and was born at Hicksville, Indiana, on August 4, 1845, being but three years of age when the family moved here from that state in 1848 and settled in Mt. Pleasant township, three miles east of Monticello, on the farm now owned by Ernest Strahm. The family made the entire trip to Wisconsin in a covered wagon.

Mr. Lewis grew to manhood on the old homestead and remained there until the early eighties when he came to the village to make his home. For many years thereafter he was engaged in conducting a dray line, hauling freight for local merchants from Albany and Monroe prior to the time the railroads were built through here in 1887-8, and after that time from local depots.

Subsequently he spent a year or two in Albany and a like period in Missouri. Some time later he entered the Odd Fellows home at Green Bay, where he remained for about 18 years. For the past seven years he had lived at the Masonic home near Dousman.

Mr. Lewis was a member of the local Odd Fellows, as well as the Masonic order.

Of a family of 11 children, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Martha J. Richards, Monticello. Two sisters and one brother and three half sisters and three half brothers have preceded him in death.