

**Martha McGoon**  
**March 1850 – July 1921**

Miss Martha McGoon was born in Mt. Pleasant township on March ??, 1850. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGoon, who were numbered among the pioneers of the township, and her birth occurred a little over a year prior to the time the original plat of the village of Monticello was recorded, which was on the 9th day of August, 1851. During her life-time she had therefore witnessed the village develop from a settlement of a few houses into one of the prettiest and most progressive villages in the Badger state.

Miss McGoon began teaching at the age of 16 years and successfully followed that vocation for a period of thirty years thereafter. For several years she had charge of the lower grades in the village school and her former pupils— many of whom are still living in Monticello and vicinity—will always remember her for the kindly interest she always took in those who were entrusted to her care and guidance. After retiring from the teaching profession she followed the vocation of seamstress until failing health interfered.

With the exception of about eighteen months, during which time she lived at Rochester, Minn., all of her life had been spent in Monticello and vicinity where she enjoyed the friendship and esteem of all who knew her. Many lifelong friends among the readers of The Messenger will learn of her death with sorrow.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. R. J. Edwards, of Monticello; Mrs. Addie Zwickey, of Basco, and Mrs. Sadie Chandler, of St. Paul; and three brothers, Jackson, of Kilbourn; Albert, of Olwein, Iowa, and Arthur, of Rochester, Minn.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, July 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edwards, after which her remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the old cemetery. The services were attended by a goodly number of relatives and friends, including several from distant points.