

Ella Sears Pickford
May 27, 1857 – July 17, 1948

**Rites Held Saturday For Mrs. Pickford, Former Local Lady
Former Mt. Pleasant Twp. Lady Dies in Madison At 91 Years**

Mrs. Ella Sears Pickford, 91 years of age, a former Monticello resident, who had lived in Madison for the past 50 years, passed away suddenly at her home in the capital city Friday.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Saturday in the First Congregational church chapel, the Rev. A. W. Swann officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill cemetery, Madison.

Her husband, Henry W. Pickford, was a member of the Madison board of education for several terms and circulation and advertising manager of the former morning Madison Democrat. He died Feb. 6, 1935. Only recently Mrs. Pickford was honored at a birthday party at which several Monticello ladies were present.

Settled on Farm Near Here

Mrs. Pickford's parents (Thomas and Sarah Adeline Sears) came to Wisconsin from the state of Maine, settling on a farm a short distance northeast of Monticello, now owned by Wm. G. Meier.

After her marriage at the age of 20 to Mr. Pickford she continued to live on the farm. They left here 50 years ago to reside in Madison to give their children a university education. At the age of 16 she began teaching school and followed this vocation for three terms.

Familiarly referred to by her many friends as a "grand old lady," Mrs. Pickford acquired the affection of a great many people in this community which has lasted throughout the 50-year span in which she has been away from this community.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. J. D. R. Steven, Eau Claire, and Mrs. Ray S. Owen, Frost Woods; a son, Roswell, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; eight grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Fred Sears, Mazomanie