

## **Sarah Elizabeth Pierce**

**August 10, 1834 – March 1922**

### **Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce Passes Away After Long and Useful Life**

Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, Green county pioneer, and for nearly three quarters of a century a resident of Monticello and vicinity passed away at her home on Railroad avenue at 10:30 o'clock Sunday evening. She had been afflicted for some years with an ailment of an incurable nature and, while this had much to do in bringing about a general breaking down, the direct cause of her death was due to chronic bronchitis. Mrs. Pierce retained her faculties to an unusual degree for one of her years and it was not until a short time ago that her condition became such as to indicate that the end was drawing near.

Elizabeth Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Becker, was a native of New York state, born at Clayton, Jefferson county, on August 10, 1834. She came to Monroe with her parents when 10 years of age and since then had spent practically all of her life in and near the village of Monticello, the family living in Monroe only a short time when they moved to a farm in Washington township. Her marriage to Albert Pierce, member of another pioneer family, whose father, Josiah Pierce, was the first settler in the town of Washington, occurred in 1853. The couple lived on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township for two years following their marriage. They then acquired a farm in Washington township upon which they lived until 1868, when they moved to this village. Mr. Pierce passed away about forty years ago.

Mrs. Pierce was a prominent member of the Baptist church and was actively identified with that denomination until the congregation disbanded some years ago. She was a woman of high ideals and was beloved and respected by the entire community because of her friendly disposition and other commendable qualities,

Mrs. Pierce was the mother of four children—two daughters and two sons. Her husband and two daughters preceded her in death. Two sons survive, Irwin Pierce, of Monticello, and J. B. Pierce, of Brodhead. She is also survived by one sister, Miss Mary Becker, and one brother, William A. Becker, both of Monroe.

Funeral services were held at her late home at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiating. Burial was in the family lot in the old cemetery. A large number of neighbors and friends were present to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed and many were the beautiful floral offerings which bore silent testimony of her sterling worth and of the high regard in which she had always been held,