

James Pratt

Nov. 11, 1853 – June 1936

James Pratt, Local ~ Citizen, Summoned Burial Rites C Conducted; Rev. Felts Conducts Services

Funeral services for James Pratt, 83 years of age, well known resident of this vicinity for 82 years, who died in his home in the east part of the village about 11 o'clock Saturday morning following a brief illness, were conducted at 3 p. m. Tuesday in the home of his niece, Mrs. A. H. Wright, of this village, and at 4 in the Evangelical church. Pneumonia, with which he had recently become afflicted, proved fatal.

Rev. A. R. Felts, pastor of the Evangelical church, presided at the services. Interment was in the Railroad avenue cemetery.

Owner of Much Land

Mr. Pratt was born Nov. 11, 1853, the son of Oliver and Mary Starch Pratt, who came to Monticello from Mercer county, Ohio, in the early '50's. The family settled on the farm on which Mr. Pratt first came into the world and now, 83 years later, passed away. He lived on the same farm all his life with the exception of one year spent in Minnesota. Mr. Pratt was the owner of many acres of land, having at one time owned nearly all of the land in the vicinity of the depots.

Survivors are one half-sister, Mrs. Sadie Loveland, Pittsburgh, Kans., and several nieces and nephews, Mrs. A. H. Wright, Mrs. E. B. Wallom, Joe and Alvin Brayton, and Wm. Murphy. He was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

Mr. Pratt never married.

Pallbearers were: Anthony D. Carroll, Henry Zentner, James Kennedy, Charles Kennedy, Jacob Burgy and Geo. V. Griffey. Among those from a distance attending the funeral were: Mrs. Neil Youngs, Kenosha; Mrs. Byron Long, Janesville; Mrs. Edgar Wright, Albany; Mrs. Algot Peterson, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. David Pratt, Van Ness Pratt, Mrs. Henry Disch and David Disch, Janesville.