

Frank D. Taft

Oct. 20, 1861 - December 16, 1943

F. D. Taft, Former Local Man Passes

Death Claims Well Known Former Monticello Carpenter

Frank D. Taft, 82 years of age, former well known Monticello man, died on Thursday of last week at his home in Whitewater following an extended period of failing health. Mr. Taft had been bedfast for the past six weeks.

The son of S. C. and Electa Taft, he was born Oct. 20, 1861, in Monticello, where he resided for more than 60 years. He was a carpenter and contractor by trade and many of the buildings which stand in Monticello today were erected by him. About 15 years ago he entered the hardware business in Whitewater with his son, Herbert Taft, retiring from the business about five years ago.

Surviving beside the widow, are the son, Herbert Taft, one daughter, Mrs. Henry C. Klassy, Monticello; three grandchildren, Herman Marty, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mrs. Al. Farina, San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs. Forrest Smith, Bloomington, Ill, and three great grandchildren. Mr. Taft was preceded in death by three brothers.

Burial Service Here

Funeral services were held at 1 Saturday afternoon at the Spinningroad & Leon funeral home, Whitewater, the Rev. Hall, of that city, officiating. Attending the services from here were Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Klassy, Mr. and Mrs. John Keefe, and Mrs. Anna Kooreman and son, Gerritt.

The body was brought to Monticello for burial and brief services were held at the grave in Highland cemetery at 3 Saturday afternoon, Those from out-of-town who attended the services here were: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Marty and daughter, Mrs. Phillip Marty, Mrs. Appalonia Zweifel and Mrs. John Duerst, New Glarus; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bennett and Mrs. Glen Fisher, Janesville; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taft, Baraboo.