

Herbert F. Taft
Sept. 15, 1890 - November 3, 1971

Herbert F. Taft, 81, Village Native, Dies

Herbert F. Taft, 81 years of age, a Monticello native and former Whitewater business man, died on Wednesday of last week in the Fort Atkinson hospital after a long illness.

Masonic services for Mr. Taft were held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Hickey-Kent Funeral Home, Whitewater, followed by a service by Rev. Willard W. Schulz of the First Methodist church. Burial was in Highland cemetery here.

He was born Sept. 15, 1890, a son of Frank and Rosa Marty Taft. On Jan. 10, 1918, he was united in marriage in Monroe to Olive Regez, with the late Rev. P. A. Schuh of St. John's church officiating. Mr. Taft was a barber in Monticello many years ago, and the couple also farmed in the area for some time before moving to Whitewater.

He and his father operated the Taft Hardware Co. in Whitewater for a number of years and he had been a supervisor on the Walworth county board for several years. He was a deputy oil inspector for the State of Wisconsin from 1948 until retiring in 1959.

Mr. Taft was a member and past master of the Masonic lodge and a member of the First United Methodist church in Whitewater.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. A. M. Farina; four grandsons, and two great-grandchildren, New York City.