

Matthew D. West

June 7, 1882 - July 1931

MATT D. WEST, AGED 45, DIES IN HOME HERE

Dies Very Unexpectedly At 2:30 Tuesday A. M.

After having been seriously ill several months during the past winter and apparently regaining his former health, Matthew D. West, passed away very unexpectedly at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning in his home here. Mr. West, who was suddenly taken seriously ill at around 8 o'clock, Monday night, was down town earlier in the evening and was apparently in his usual health. He had also carried mail on his rural route in the morning and had spent much of the afternoon mingling with his friends in the village. His passing was caused by heart failure which was brought on by an illness of several years from asthma.

A rural mail carrier here on route 5 for approximately 16 years, Mr. West was a native of the Juda vicinity, having been born on a farm near there, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis West. On May 4, 1906, he was united in marriage to Nettie Timm in Rockford, Ill. For some time following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. West resided on a farm near Juda, later moving to that village where they made their home for a few years. Then they moved to Monticello, Mr. West accepting a position here as rural mail carrier which he had held up to the time of his death.

The passing of Mr. West has taken from the community a citizen who was warmly respected as a friend and neighbor, one who was always eager to lend a hand in the realization of worthy projects. The manner in which he uncomplainingly endured the suffering which asthma had caused him for several years was only one of Mr. West's many sterling traits. He was a great lover of the out-of-doors, and as vice-president of the Green County Rod and Gun club, he was very active in the propagation of wild life in this section.

Besides the widow, Mr. West is survived by one son, Hilton, and one daughter, Miss Avis, both at home; two sisters, Mrs. Herman Effert, Meadville, Pa, and Mrs, R. L. Hasse, Monroe; one brother, Sheriff Myron West, Monroe; four half-brothers, Weber, Von Dee, and Barron, Sarona, Wis., and Vey, Kent, O., and one half sister, Lotus Marie, Madison.

Final rites will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the West home on Monroe street. Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Reformed church, will officiate and interment will be in the cemetery at Juda. Pallbearers will be Postmaster E. J. Blum, Herman E. B. Theiler, former assistant postmaster, and John Keefe, D. C. Richards, Frank G. Clark and Herman Babler fellow rural mail carriers.