

## **Arthur A. Wright, Veteran Railroad Man, Dies Friday**

**May 16, 1874 – Jan. 1955**

Funeral services for Arthur H. Wright, 80 years of age, veteran railroad employee, who died Friday evening at the Madison General hospital after a short illness, were held at 2 Monday afternoon at the Evangelical United Brethren church here.

The Rev Paul J. Gibson, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Services were conducted by the Monticello Masonic lodge.

Mr. Wright had been in failing health for a number of months but he was hospitalized for only one day at the time of his death.

### **Native of Iowa**

Mr. Wright was born in Iowa May 16, 1874, the son of Edgar F. and Emilie Bacon Wright. He came to Monticello with his family when a small child. Early in life he developed a keen interest in railroading, a vocation which later became his life's work.

Mr. Wright attended schools here and on July 3, 1897, he was united in marriage to Sally Ann Brayton, the ceremony taking place in Albany. He was always employed by the Milwaukee railroad, starting in Monticello as a section hand. He later was promoted to the position of traveling auditor with headquarters in Madison, Wis., and Davenport, Iowa. He returned to Monticello, where he was station agent for many years. He applied for and received the station agent's job at New Glarus some years ago, a position which he held for several years before returning to his old Monticello stand. He retired from work July 17, 1953.

One of Mr. Wright's most prized possessions was a 50-year pin awarded him some years ago by the Milwaukee railroad. Another of which he was equally proud was a 50-year membership certificate and cane presented to him Aug. 2, 1954, by the Monticello Masonic lodge.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Youngs, Poynette, and Mrs. Byron Long, Janesville; one sister, Mrs. Mary Fessenden, Beloit; three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Edgar, who passed away March 26, 1954.