

JABEZ CLARKE

March 8, 1828 – October 10, 1908

Jabez Clarke settled in Green county in 1857. He was born in the parish of Haugham, Lincolnshire, England, March 8, 1828. When he was very young his parents moved to the parish of Minting and there his father died when he was six months old. Soon after, his mother moved to Hatton parish, where he lived with her until fourteen years of age. He then went to work to earn his own livelihood. He was employed by a farmer who paid him £3, equal to \$14.52, the first year. The second year his wages were increased to £3 1/2; the third year to £5; and the fourth year, to £7.

When nineteen years old he went to Derbyshire and worked upon a farm six months, then went to Yorkshire and spent two years. He then went to Sheffield and engaged in dealing in produce, in which enterprise he was not successful, and continued it but a short time, then resumed farming. In 1857, he left his native land and came to America, coming immediately to Wisconsin and locating in Green county. His sole capital was good health and willing hands, and he rented land until the fall of 1859, when he bought forty acres on section 18, also a small frame house which he moved to the land and occupied for some years, until he built the more commodious dwelling which he now occupies. He has engaged in mixed farming, raising different kinds of grain and stock. He has been successful, and at different times, has added to his land until he is now the owner of a well stocked farm, containing 240 acres.

He was married in 1858 to Julia Dyson, who was born in the parish of Kirkburton, Yorkshire, England, Nov. 5, 1823. They have six children—Mary E., William S., George H., Jennie E., Alsinda B. and Burnett L.