

Mrs. Jane Coates

Sept. 28, 1818 – Mar. 12, 1905

Once more the angel of death he visited the community to glean a loved member from the field in which he has reaped so well—that of those brave strong and earnest souls who formed the country's first settlers and laid firmly and well the foundations upon which future generations were to build.

Mrs. Jane Coates, who for nearly sixty years was a resident of Monticello and vicinity, died at her home in this village at ten o'clock Sunday morning. She was born September 28, 1818 in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, her maiden name being Morley. In 1839 she was married to Wm. H. Coates and in 1846, with her husband, she came to Wisconsin, the journey west being made by way of the great lakes. They lived for two years in the town of Exeter and then, having disposed of their property there, they purchased land a mile east of town and by subsequent additions acquired a farm of 240 acres. In 1862 they moved into the village and built a spacious and beautiful home on the east side.

Mrs. Coates, since her girlhood, had been a faithful and consistent member of the M. E. church and was ever willing to assist in any work that tended to worthy and Christian-like ends.

She was the mother of eight children, five of whom survive, and all have been more than commonly successful in life. They are Mrs. J. L. Berkey, of this place; Washington B. Coates, Santa Rosa, California; Hamilton J. Coates, of Nebraska; Elisha M., Yankton, South Dakota; and Wm. M. Coates, living in the northern part of this state.

During her illness a trained nurse from Madison was in attendance upon her, but her great age left her with such a small reserve of strength as to preclude any strong hopes of her recovery from the beginning.

The funeral was held from the residence at two o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Hints of the M. E. church officiating. The casket was covered with beautiful floral offerings, the last tribute of friends to the departed, and after the conclusion of the services, the remains were consigned to their final resting place in the cemetery beside those of her husband who preceded her in death about ten years.