

F. W. Humiston Is Called End Comes Suddenly at Family In California

Many local residents were deeply affected the fore part of the week when news was received here of the sudden and unexpected death of F. W. Humiston, which occurred at his home in Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday. Mr. Humiston was a pioneer resident of this vicinity and for many years was identified with the business interests of the village, his first venture being with O. J. Persons in the live stock business more than thirty years ago. Later he was associated with the late F. K. Studley in the lumber and feed business and thereafter, for a term of years, he was engaged in the real estate business with J. C. Steinman. Mr. Humiston was a man who was possessed of a most congenial nature and one of his "gifts" was that of winning and retaining the friendship of his fellow men, where ever he chanced to be. In the old home town he was familiarly known as "Hummy," and it is hard indeed for his friends here to realize that he has answered the final summons and passed forever from the scenes of earth.

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The news of the sudden death of Fred W. Humiston at his home in Los Angeles, California, Sunday, January 13th, was a severe shock to his many friends in Madison and vicinity where he was well known. About two years ago while living in Madison, he had a serious illness, but had apparently regained his normal health when here last fall on business matters. Mr. Humiston was born in Chautauqua County, New York, in 1854 and came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1856, the family settling in Green county, near Monticello. His life of almost 70 years has, with the exception of last year, been spent in Green and Dane Counties. He was very successful in business and was well known throughout the territory which he covered in his various enterprises, dealing extensively in real estate and in his earlier years in stock, grain and lumber.

Mr. Humiston was a public spirited citizen, supporting all moral and civic measures that were for the benefit of the community. He had the courage of his convictions and did not hesitate when a choice was necessary between principle and policy, even when such a choice involved a financial sacrifice. For 20 years the family were residents of Madison, removing to Los Angeles, California, a year ago, where Mr. Humiston had just purchased a new residence, intending to make that city their future home. He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Beatrice, a teacher in the schools of Los Angeles and Helen, a student; Florence, now Mrs. John Bower of Montague, Montana and Myrta, now Mrs. Leon Breylinger, and grandson, Fred, of Los Angeles, all of whom were at his bedside when he passed away. The funeral will be held in Los Angeles Wednesday under Masonic auspices, of which order Mr. Humiston had long been an active and devoted member.