

Alson Winters Stout

1849 - 1939

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday for Alson Winters Stout, 89 years of age, who passed away Saturday after several months of declining health.

Mr. Stout was born in Oneco county, Ill., in 1849. He left there at the age of 14 and spent a year in Monroe. He grew up to see the west developed, saw the buffalo disappear and the Indians moving farther west. During his younger years he lived on a ranch and then followed the carpenter trade. In 1893 he came to Monticello and the following year was married to Elizabeth Tone. Mr. Stout built the Advent church and since built or assisted with some 20 residences, as well as the Stout building where he operated a restaurant and ice cream parlor for three years. He also served as a rural mail carrier for a time.

He is survived by his widow, a step-daughter, an adopted daughter and two sons.