

Joseph Bartlett
August 1, 1825 - Jan. 14, 1916

Joseph Bartlett was born in Wiltshire England, August 1, 1825. When but a small boy he began work as a miller which became his life work. He grew to manhood in his native country and in 1849 came to America, locating at Oswego, N. Y. There he resided for a short time and then went to Canada. After a brief stay in that country, he returned to Oswego, and then came to Wisconsin and lived at Janesville for about a year.

In 1851 Mr. Bartlett came to Albany where for two years he engaged in milling. In 1853 he moved to Attica, where two years later he built a watermill having a capacity of forty barrels a day. The mill remains today as one of the landmarks of the community.

On November 26, 1853, Mr. Bartlett was married to Miss Eliza Pryce, a daughter of Thos. Pryce, and was born Sept. 18, 1835, at Montgomery, Wales. All their married life was lived in this community and to them were born 2 boys and 7 girls. Of these, Joseph died in 1868, being 2 1/2 years old, and Charlotte (Mrs. John Nye) passed away July 26, 1913.

In 1874, Mr. Bartlett united with the M. E. church and for a number of years acted as Class Leader and was also active in Sunday School work.

He manifested an interest in all affairs of life and was a student of national and international affairs.

His long and honorable career was brought to a close on Friday morning, January 14, 1916, when he peacefully passed into his eternal rest, having lived 90 years, 5 months, 13 days.

In the course of his life, Mr. Bartlett demonstrated the possession of manly and commendable qualities. He made friends by his upright and genial character and was beloved by all. By nature he was sunny and cheerful and he loved to meet with friends, to greet them with smile and hand clasp, and in return receive their love and friendship.

He was unassuming and modest and did his duty day by day, as he saw it. He served his God, he loved his home and children and now he has entered into rest. His children shall rise up and call him blessed.

There remain to mourn his loss, his widow, Mrs. Eliza Bartlett, his son, Chauncey T. Bartlett; 6 daughters, Mrs. Emert Davis, Albany, Mrs. Elizabeth Qualley, Mrs. Myrta Swann, Miss Gertrude Bartlett, Attica, Mrs. Saran Jipson, Iowa, Mrs. Lillie Loughhead, Minn., also 28 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren, and a multitude of friends.

Funeral services were held at the late residence at Attica and at Attica Methodist church, on Tuesday, Jan. 18. His pastor, Rev. Fred J. Jordan had charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. H. A. Rogers. The interment was at the Attica cemetery.