

## **Michael Clark**

**September 29, 1827 - March 11, 1908**

Michael Clark, whose death was noted in last week's Recorder, died at his home two miles southwest of Belleville on March 11 at 3:45 in the afternoon. On July 19, he became suddenly and violently ill, and it was thought at that time that he could survive but a short time, but he was an unusually robust man and his great vitality enabled him to ward off the "Grim Victor" for a period of almost eight months, when he peacefully passed away.

The character of Michael Clark needs no comment in the BELLEVILLE Recorder. His long life in this community speaks better for him than can any words from tongue or pen of any individual. Michael Clark was born in Portumna, county of Galway, Ireland, on September 29, 1827. The first twenty years of his life were spent in his native land. In 1847 he emigrated to America. On January 1, 1857, he was joined in marriage with Miss Bridget Gibbons at Janesville. The young couple, in the same year, moved to a farm purchased by the deceased in Mt. Pleasant township, near Monticello, where they lived until 1871, when they moved to the old home southwest of town where he has ever since resided. Twelve years ago he was preceded in death by his wife.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark, five of whom survive: John V. of Oregon, James S., Richard F. and Ella M. at the old home and William B. of North Yakima, Washington, All were with him during his last illness and death. Deceased is also survived by one brother, Patrick Clark, who resides at Monroe.

The funeral services were held on Friday, March 13, at St. James Catholic Church at Dayton, Rev. F. J. Lillis of Platteville, a friend of the family, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. P. Peschong, pastor.