

Jabez Clarke

March 8, 1828 – October 10, 1908

Jabez Clarke settled in Green county in 1857. He was born in the parish of Haugham, Lincolnshire, England, March 8, 1828. When he was very young his parents moved to the parish of Minting and there his father died when he was six months old. Soon after, his mother moved to Hatton parish, where he lived with her until fourteen years of age. He then went to work to earn his own livelihood. He was employed by a farmer who paid him £3, equal to \$14.52, the first year. The second year his wages were increased to £3 1/2; the third year to £5; and the fourth year, to £7.

When nineteen years old he went to Derbyshire and worked upon a farm six months, then went to Yorkshire and spent two years. He then went to Sheffield and engaged in dealing in produce, in which enterprise he was not successful, and continued it but a short time, then resumed farming. In 1857, he left his native land and came to America, coming immediately to Wisconsin and locating in Green county. His sole capital was good health and willing hands, and he rented land until the fall of 1859, when he bought forty acres on section 18, also a small frame house which he moved to the land and occupied for some years, until he built the more commodious dwelling which he now occupies. He has engaged in mixed farming, raising different kinds of grain and stock. He has been successful, and at different times, has added to his land until he is now the owner of a well stocked farm, containing 240 acres.

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In the month of May, 1857, he started for the United States, arriving there in June of that year, being four weeks on the water. He settled in the vicinity of Monticello, Wis., where he has since resided. For the past eight years he has resided in the village.

In 1858 he was united in marriage to Miss Julia Dyson, and to them were born six children, all living and present at the funeral services, namely: Mrs. Mary Wood, of Albany; William S., of Monticello; George H., of the vicinity of Monroe; Burnett L. and Jennie, of Monticello; and Mrs. Alcinda Meigs, of Arena.

In 1865 he was led to see his need of salvation and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior, and has ever since endeavored to live a true christian life, giving the cause of Christ all the strength of his manhood. He left behind him the example of a true godly life and the influence that flows therefrom.

He was among the Advent Christian people and has always remained with them, being intimately connected with them during his whole christian life. In connection with such men as William Sheldon, Father Hitchcock, Elders Thompson, Howard, Adrian, Dyson, Barber, and others he kept the list of truth burning, sustaining services more or less regularly long before there was any permanent organization here.

In 1893 the Advent Christian church, of Monticello was organized and in 1894 the present building was erected and he was intimately connected with the church as its leading deacon and was also a trustee. For the last few years he was also the superintendent of the Sunday school in which he was greatly interested. He held those offices up to the time of his death. In his death we not only lost a devoted and valuable member of the church, and the bereaved family a kind and affectionate father and a true husband, but also a good citizen, friend and acquaintance.

His wife died February 5th, 1898, and he made his home with his children on the homestead until April 10, 1900, when he was married to Mrs. Emma Knight, who survives him. He also leaves 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, besides other relatives. He died October 10, 1908, having reached the advanced age of 80 years, 9 months and 2 days. The funeral services were held Monday the 12th, at his late home on Railroad avenue at 1:30 p. m. and also at the Advent Christian church and were conducted by his pastor, Elder A. E. Bloom, assisted by

pastor J. H. Berkey, of Monroe, an old friend of the deceased. Elder B. N. Miegs of Arena was also present. The interment was in the family lot in the local cemetery.

Among those present we note the following from abroad, besides those already mentioned: Miss Calista Dyson, of Juda, Thos. And Joe Briggs, of Cladna; Mrs, Wm. Sheldon, of Brodhead; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. D. Hulbert, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lewis, Mrs. M. Murrey, of Albany; Mrs. Lottie Edwards and Mrs. Carrie McCoy, of Magnolia; H. H. Bissell, of Madison; W. E. Grinnell, Mrs. Ester Grinnell, Mrs. Louisa Austin, of Monroe; Mrs. S. Wells, of Paoli; Mrs. E. P. Graves, of Albany, besides others from the neighboring townships.