

**William Henry Ferguson**  
**March 3, 1850 - August 31, 1923**

William Henry Ferguson prominently known resident of Exeter township, died at his home Friday morning, August 31, of a complication of dropsy and heart trouble.

Mr. Ferguson was born March 3, 1850, on the homestead farm in Exeter. His parents, John and Almedia Ferguson, were early Wisconsin pioneers, having taken up government land in 1843. With the exception of two years spent in Iowa and the Black Hills, Mr. Ferguson had spent his entire lifetime on the homestead farm. He was one of seven children and is survived by one sister, Sarah Ferguson; a brother, Nathaniel Ferguson, and one niece, Mrs. Mary Ruff.

Due to critical illness of the sister, but brief and private services were held in the home. The main service was held in the Exeter cemetery on Sunday at 2:00 p. m, and was conducted by Rev. N. E. McLaughlin of the Universalist church of Monroe. A male quartet of Belleville sang two very appropriate numbers, A large concourse of friends was present.

Mr. Ferguson was well known throughout Green county. He was for 18 years a member of the board of management of the Green county farm and was an active political leader of his district. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Citizens State Bank of Belleville, which position he had held for a number of years, and he was much interested in banking. Farming was his chief occupation,

He was always an extensive reader. He was a liberal in religion; viewing all creeds, yet accepting none. He was of a kind, friendly disposition and will long be remembered by the many friends who familiarly called him "Bill."

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