

Andrew Harper
Nov. 28, 1828 - Dec. 1, 1914

Andrew Harper, a settler of 1851, was born on the North Shetland Island, Nov. 28, 1828. When he was thirteen years old he emigrated to America and settled in Leroy, Genesee Co., N. Y., where he lived until 1846, then came to the Territory of Wisconsin and stopped, temporarily, five miles east of Janesville and in January 1847 removed to Spring Valley, Rock county, in which town his father entered land and improved a farm, and is now living at the age of seventy-nine years.

The subject of this sketch made his home there with his parents until 1853. On the 22d of February of that year he was married to Agnes Halcrow, who was born on North Shetland Island. In January, 1852, he came to Green county and entered land on section 27, town of Washington, locating the same with a land warrant for which he had traded in Rock county, paying for the same, a pair of oxen and a wagon, with \$60 in money. He then had left, one pair of oxen and \$20 in money, which constituted his entire earthly possessions. The following March after marriage he came to the town of Washington, not having means with which to improve his land, he rented land on section 21 for three years. He had good crops and there made some money with which to start improvements on his own land. In 1855 he built a frame house 14x22, and moved during the fall of that year and immediately commenced work on the land and was in a few years able to buy more land. He now owns 360 acres, the greater portion of which is improved and under fence. Mrs. Harper died May 5, 1874.

Twelve children were born to them, eleven of whom are now living-Robert, Libbie, Malcolm J., Susan, Agnes, Andrew, Tena, Thomas, Jane, Hine J. and William. Mr. Harper joined the Presbyterian Church in York State, but since coming to Wisconsin has worshiped with the Methodist Episcopal organization, of which Church his wife and nine of her children were members.