Joseph Henry Barlow July 14, 1861 – October 1931

J. H. BARLOW, 70 YEARS OLD, DIES SUDDENLY Seized With Fatal Heart Attack On Main Street

Stricken with a fatal heart attack, J. H. Barlow, 70 years of age, native of Monticello and a resident of this community during his entire lifetime, passed away shortly after 11 o'clock Thursday morning while on his way home from town.

Mr. Barlow, who had been in poor health and only Sunday had experienced a severe sinking spell, was walking along the west sidewalk approach to the Main street bridge when he was seized with the attack. He fell into the street, striking his left temple against the concrete pavement and causing a wound from which blood flowed freely.

Mrs. James Milham, driving along the street in a sedan, saw Mr. Barlow fall to the pavement. She summoned assistance from the Voegeli Tire and Service station and a physician was called, but revival efforts proved futile. The heart attack caused instantaneous death.

Native of Monticello

Joseph Henry Barlow was a son of Richard and Ann Pickup Barlow, pioneer settlers of Green county who had immigrated to this country from England in 1854. He was born here July 14, 1861, in the Barlow home which was then located on Main street, across the street from the present site of the Bank of Monticello.

Mr. Barlow attended the schools available in that early day near Monticello. On June 10, 1880, he was united in marriage to Martha Wallace and to this union six children were born: Clarence, of Madison; Myrtie, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Ray and Clifford, who died in infancy; Reuel, Urbana, Ill; and Wendell, Monticello. Mrs. Barlow died Sept. 15, 1899.

On Jan. 9, 1904, Mr. Barlow was united in marriage to Nora Lindstrom, who passed away June 6, 1906. To this union a daughter, Norene Mitmoen, was born. Mr. Barlow was married Oct. 23, 1909, to Ada Roberts, Albany, who survives.

For nearly half a century, Mr. Barlow followed the trade of mason and mason contractor in Monticello and surrounding territory. He was an exceptionally expert craftsman and almost every home and business building in Monticello bears evidence of his workmanship.

Head of Cemetery Ass'n

Mr. Barlow was president of the Monticello Cemetery association for over 30 years, ever since the death of his father, and was a member of the Masonic and Eastern Star orders. He also served on the local village board for many years.

With the passing of Mr. Barlow, there has gone from our midst a citizen who saw Monticello grow through the years from a pioneer settlement into a thriving little community. There were few people in Monticello or vicinity with whom Mr. Barlow did not have an intimate acquaintance because the masonry trade he followed for nearly 50 years brought him into contact with scores of persons in the local community. His death is consequently not only very keenly but widely felt and he will be remembered as a man who adhered strictly to the golden rule, took great pride in his workmanship, and always had a jolly word for everyone.

Mr. Barlow was one of the younger sons in a family of 12 children, seven of whom have preceded him in death. They are Edward, Richard, Charles, Hannah, Martha Ann, Lottie, and George. Surviving brothers and sisters are Will, Clear Lake, Ia.; Emma Runquist, Mendota, Ill; Elizabeth Stout, Monticello, and Alice Noble, St. Paul Park, Minn.

Survivors besides the widow and brothers and sisters are three sons, Clarence, in the real estate business in Madison, Reuel, associate professor of journalism in the University of Illinois; and Wendell, cashier of the Bank of Monticello; and two daughters, Mrs. Myrtie Yost, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mrs, Norene Mitmoen, Monticello.

Funeral rites were conducted at 1:30 Sunday afternoon in the home and at 2 in the Evangelical church. Rev. G. Theo. Vieth officiated and interment was in the Railroad avenue cemetery where the Masonic ritual was administered.