

William Sims Clarke

Feb. 28 1860 - July 31, 1929

William Sims Clarke, son of Jabez and Julia Dyson-Clarke, was born in Mt. Pleasant Township near Monticello, Feb. 28, 1860 and grew to manhood in that vicinity. May 27, 1882 he was united in wedlock with Genevra Button, daughter of Zebulon and Alvira Button (formerly of Juda, Wisconsin). To this union were born five children: Lloyd J., of Dakota Ill., Julian W., of Clarno, Mrs. Elva B. Dooly, Monticello, Clayton G. and Robert B., of Brodhead, Wis.

Soon after Mr. & Mrs. Clarke were married they moved to Sherey Kansas where they lived until 1905 when they returned to the vicinity of Monticello, but the family happiness was of short duration for on Feb. 7 th, 1907 death entered their home circle for the first time taking away the beloved wife and mother. The family continued to live in that vicinity until 1911 when they moved to their present home in Spring Grove Township where the father answered the final summons July 31st, 1929 at about 4 a.m. He leaves to mourn his loss beside his children, two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. A. C. Weed and George H. Clarke, of Albany, Mrs. Sinda Meigs, of Arena, Wisc., and Burnett L. Clarke, Monticello, Wisc. Also Seventeen grandchildren.

From a second source:

Funeral Services for Wm. S. Clarke Here Tomorrow

Funeral services for William S. Clarke, 69 years old, Brodhead, native of Monticello, father of Mrs. Edmund Dooley, Washington township and brother of Dr. B. L. Clarke, Monticello, who died early yesterday morning in the home of his son, R. B. Clarke, Spring Grove township, from complications resulting from heart trouble, will take place at 12:30 Friday afternoon in the son's home and at 2:30 in the Evangelical church in Monticello.

Mr. Clarke was born Feb. 29, 1860, on the old Clarke homestead, now known as the Walter Wittenwyler farm, about two and a half miles southeast of Monticello, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Clarke. He was married to Jennie Button in Juda. For 25 years the couple resided in Topeka, Kansas, following which they took up their home in Spring Grove township.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elva Dooley, Washington township; four sons, Lloyd J., Dakota, Ill., Julien W., Clarno, and Clayton and Robert, Spring Grove; two sisters, Mrs. Anson Wood, Albany, and Mrs. Lucinda Meigs, Arena; two brothers, George, Albany, and Dr. B. L., Monticello. Mrs Clarke died many years ago and a sister, Mrs. Judd Smith, Galesburg, Ill., passed away a few months ago.