

William Lemon
December 29, 1841 – Aug. 1921
END COMES TO WM. LEMON

Death Claims Worthy Citizen After Period of Failing Health

William Lemon, aged and highly respected citizen of Monticello, and a resident of this vicinity for three quarters of a century, passed into his last long sleep at 1:30 p. m. on Friday of last week, August 5. His death taking place at his home on Railroad avenue. Mr. Lemon had been in failing health for the past year or more, but it was not until about four weeks ago that his condition became such as to cause any undue apprehension on the part of his family and friends. Since then he had been confined to his bed, however, and despite the fact that he had the tenderest of care and the best of medical attention, he failed gradually until the end.

William Lemon, son of Thomas and Sarah Gunsalus Lemon, first saw the light of day in Custer county, Pennsylvania, on December 29, 1841. He came to Green county, Wisconsin, with his parents in 1845 and it was amidst the stirring times and rugged duties of pioneer life that he grew to manhood. Left fatherless at an early age much of the responsibility of supporting the family devolved upon his young shoulders, and he manfully met the task of looking after the interests of his mother and the younger children.

He was a Civil war veteran and one of the boys of those days who performed valiant service in defense of the stars and stripes. He enlisted for service on August 31, 1864, with Co. D, 35th Wisconsin infantry, and first went to Tennessee. From there he went to Arkansas and then to Alabama, where he engaged in the siege and capture of Mobile. He was discharged from service in July 1, 1865 after which he returned home. Mr. Lemon's marriage to Miss Rebecca Willis occurred on Mar. 31, 1869. After his marriage he engaged in farming on his own account and by the thoroughness which characterized his every undertaking he came to be numbered among the most successful and prosperous farmers in this section of the county.

Twenty years ago Mr. Lemon retired from farming and at about the same time engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock in company with Jacob Burgy. For the past sixteen years he has been a resident of the village. Because of advancing years he retired from active business five years ago and was succeeded by his son, Jesse Lemon.

Mr. Lemon was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a man of broad religious views. He enjoyed an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity among those who knew him and because of his commendable character and friendly disposition he richly deserved the high esteem in which he had always been held. In his death the bereaved family loses a kind and considerate husband and father and the community a public citizen of sterling worth.

Mr. Lemon is survived by his wife and four children, as follows: Jesse Lemon and Mrs. J. H. Figi, of Monticello; Mrs. Jacob Blumer, of Orfordville, and William Lemon, Jr., of Monroe. One child, a daughter, died in infancy on Feb. 6, 1888. There are also surviving three grandchildren and two great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Maria Loveland, of Monticello, and two brothers, Thomas Lemon, of Sibley, Iowa, and James Lemon, of North Yakima, Wash.

Funeral services were held from his late home at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and his remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the old cemetery. Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiated and a large number of sympathizing neighbors and friends were in attendance. Members of the Fred Amstutz Post of The American Legion in uniform escorted the remains to the

cemetery where, following a brief service, a salute was fired and taps were sounded as the body was lowered into the grave.

The pall bearers were Jacob Burgy, Joseph Elmer, Jacob Voegeli, Fred Jordan, Dr. B. L. Clarke, R. J. Edwards, E. J. Blum, William Aebly and Henry H. Elmer.