

Laney Persons

April 9, 1852 – September 1936

Mrs. O. J. Persons, 84 Years Old, Dies After Long Illness Funeral Services Held at 2 P. M. Yesterday for Aged Lady

Funeral services for Mrs. O. J. Persons, 84 years of age, life-long resident of Green county, and well known resident of Monticello for the past 47 years, who passed away at 9 o'clock Monday morning in her home here on Railroad avenue following a long illness, were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the home.

Rev. C. H. Pierstorf, pastor of the Albany Methodist church, officiated and interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were six nephews, Kenneth Fenton and Ed Rasmussen, Brooklyn; Percy Blood, Madison; Ray Beach, Geo. Lovezow and Spencer McCreedy, Evansville. Mrs. Persons, who had always been active considering her advanced years, first became ill about a year ago and for the past eight months had been bed-fast. Old age caused her demise.

Laney Persons was born in the Norwegian Settlement April 9, 1852, the daughter of Alonzo and Mary Whipple Fenton. She was one of a family of nine children—six sisters and three brothers. During her early childhood the family moved to the vicinity of Attica, where she received her education.

She was united in marriage to Oscar J. Persons, at Attica, Feb. 12, 1873. They resided in numerous places during their early wedded life, having been residents of Brodhead, Attica, and New Glarus prior to their removal to Monticello, where they had resided for the past 47 years.

Survivors, besides the widower are, one daughter, Mrs. B. L. Clarke, of this village, and several nieces and nephews. One daughter, Melisha, died in infancy. With the exception of one brother, Gaylord Fenton, living near Attica, she was the last member of her family.

Mrs. Persons' family were among the pioneers of the Attica vicinity, while the bereaved husband came to Attica from the east during pioneer days.