James E. Pierce, 93, Local Citizen Many Years, is Summoned Burial Services to be Held At 2 p. m. Friday Afternoon 1843 - 1936

James E. Pierce, 93 years of age, a resident of Monticello and vicinity for almost 75 years, passed away in his home here at 8 o'clock yesterday (Wednesday) morning. Mr. Pierce had been in failing health since last spring and had been confined to bed since last Friday. Old age and complications were given as the cause of his demise.

In the passing of Mr. Pierce Monticello lost its oldest resident.

Native of Pennsylvania

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Pierce was born in West Fairfieid July 11, 1843, the son of William and Cinderella Pierce. At the age of 16 he came to Wisconsin, where he was employed for several years as a lumberman near Black River Falls. Subsequently he came to Monticello. He was united in marriage to Susan Baxter, Monticello. Mr. Pierce lived on a farm at the south edge of. the village limits for approximately 40 years. The farm is now operated by his son, Arthur Pierce. Mr. Pierce married three times. Following the death of his first wife in 1891, he married Mrs. Mary Evans, who passed away about two years following their marriage. Later he married Mrs. Fanny Kundert, who passed away in January of this year.

Member of Village Board

Mr. Pierce retired from farming in 1899 and came to the village where he had since resided. He served for a number of years on the village board and was also connected with the Monticello Cemetery association. He had always enjoyed good health and was unusually active considering his advanced years. Having been a resident of this vicinity for nearly three quarters of a century, Mr. Pierce was widely known and highly regarded by his numerous friends here and elsewhere.

Mr. Pierce is survived by three sons, Arthur, Frank and Ira B. Pierce, all of Monticello; three daughters, Mrs. Edw. Wittwer, Monticello, Mrs. J. H. Falter, Janesville, and Mrs. M. J. Magoon, Gladstone, Mich.; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several stepsons and daughters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 Friday afternoon in the home. Rev. A. R. Felts, pastor of the Evangelical church, will officiate and interment will be in the Railroad avenue cemetery.