

OLD BATTERY BOY BREATHES HIS LAST

**David W. Pratt, Former Resident of Monticello,
Answers Final Summons at Caldwell, Kan.**

3 Sep 1819 – Dec. 6, 1904

The "old boys" of the Fifth Wisconsin battery, as well as many friends of the family in this vicinity, will be pained to learn of the death of David Pratt, which occurred at Caldwell, Kansas, December 6. The deceased was in his 66th year and his death resulted from Brights disease with which he had been ill three months.

Mr. Pratt will be well remembered by many of the residents of this vicinity. For several years he was engaged in the blacksmithing business here, his shop being located on the site now occupied by H. L. Babler's. In 1885 he moved from here with his family to Sutherland, Iowa and engaged in farming, which vocation he followed for a time, later re-engaging in the blacksmithing business in which he continued until very recently. Last October, accompanied by his wife, he went to Kansas in the hopes that the change of climate would benefit his health, but the change proved of no avail and he was called to reap the reward of the righteous.

Mr. Pratt enlisted with the Fifth Wisconsin battery September 4, 1861, and remained in the service until 1865, during which time he participated in many of the heaviest battles of the war.

The deceased is survived by a wife and five sons, all of whom were with him his last days. At his request his sons acted as pall bearers at the funeral.

(Buried in the Beulah Cemetery, Colby, Thomas County, Kansas)