

Fred J. Pratt
1872 - September 1, 1936
Former Resident is Murdered in South
Fred J. Pratt, 64 Years of Age, Victim of Foul Play

Fred J. Pratt, 64 years of age, native of Monticello, son of Mrs. Sarah Pratt Foster, Monroe, was the victim of murder in Miami, Fla. Funeral services and burial were in Miami, where the remains of his wife were interred several years ago. He is survived by one son, in Miami, the mother, and one brother, residing out west.

The slain man was a native of Monticello, where he grew to young manhood. Mr. Pratt was a school mate of S. Earle Richards, former publisher of The Messenger, and prior to leaving Monticello, he was employed by Mr. Richards for a short time. Upon leaving Monticello, he published the Humphrey Democrat in Humphrey, Neb. His marriage occurred in the west. Some time later he disposed of his newspaper and the couple removed to Miami, where he built a hotel. In recent years he again followed the printing trade.

According to a Miami newspaper Pratt was on his way home from a tavern. A man, Nicholas Misleh, followed him from the tavern. Finding Mr. Pratt asleep in his automobile, the murderer attempted to rob him. In the struggle that followed the thief slugged him over the head and escaped, according to witnesses of the struggle who directed police to the Misleh home. The hold up and killing occurred Sept. 1 on a Miami street.