

William Harrison Prisk

Nov. 4, 1853 - Sept. 11, 1935

WILLIAM H. PRISK DIES AFTER LONG SIEGE OF ILLNESS Grandson of First White Settler in Mt. Pleasant Township

William Harrison Prisk, aged 83, a resident of the Monticello vicinity for many years, passed away Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 11, in the home of his daughter, Mrs. John P. Voegeli, Exeter township, after an illness of two and a half years, most of which time he was in a practically helpless condition. He suffered from hardening of the arteries and other complications. The deceased was a native of Iowa county, having been born at Mineral Point on Nov. 4, 1853, the son of Samuel and Jane Mitchell Prisk. He came to Mt. Pleasant township, Green county, when a mere youth, and spent the best years of his life on the farm which is now owned by Alfred Spring, two and a half miles east of the village. His grandfather, Henry Mitchell, a native of England, is credited with being the first white settler in Mt. Pleasant township, having located on a claim as early as 1837.

Married in 1876

Mr. Prisk was united in marriage in 1876 to Miss Elizabeth Evans, who preceded him in death many years ago. Several years later he married Mrs. Margaret Duerst McCarthy, who passed away in Monroe April 30, 1934. While, like many of the early settlers, he had but a meager chance to obtain an education and had very little schooling, he was a great reader and there were few indeed who were better posted on current events than was he. He was known to his friends and acquaintances as "Bill" Prisk and he was well known in his home township and throughout the county by reason of the keen interest he took in public affairs. For many years he operated a threshing machine and at one time was president of the Wisconsin Brotherhood of Threshermen. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. John P. Voegeli, Exeter township, and Mrs. Otto Stauffacher, Hammond, Wis.; six sons, Ora, Monticello; Vern, Chicago; Will, River Falls, Wis.; Jackson, Prescott, Wis., and Mark and Preston, Belleville. One daughter, Lottie, preceded him in death in Shellville a few years ago. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen lodges, having frequently been honored by being chosen as delegate to the state camp of the latter order.

Interred Here

Last rites were conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the home of his son, Ora Prisk, with Rev. A. R. Felts, pastor of the local Evangelical church, officiating. Burial was in the family lot in the Railroad avenue cemetery. Pall bearers were five sons, Ora, Will, Mark, Jackson and Preston Prisk, and T. O. Silver.

Mr. Prisk made his home in Monroe for several years after he disposed of his Mt. Pleasant township farm. Following the death of Mrs. Prisk he was removed to the home of his son, Ora Prisk, Monticello, and later to the home of the daughter, Mrs. Voegeli.