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Silas B. Chatfield.

After an illness of a few weeks, following a stroke of paralysis, Mr. Silas B. Chatfield passed away at his home in Adams Friday morning, February 7, 1908. The funeral services were held at the same place Monday afternoon and the large circle of friends in attendance bespoke the high regard in which he was held in the community and surrounding neighborhoods. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Samuel Ligg of Whitewater, assisted by Rev. William Dawson of East Troy. H. P. Goodman and a lady from Whitewater sang several of Mr. Chatfield's favorite hymns, which he had selected for the occasion.

Mr. Chatfield was born in Milford, Connecticut, October 21, 1822. When but seven years of age his mother died and three years later occurred the death of his father at Orselle, Chenango county, New York, where the family had moved. The orphan boy then became the ward of an uncle, David Bard, who bound him out to Theodore Burchard, until he should reach the age of twenty-one. He was to have three months' schooling each year and when of age, \$100 in money, two suits of clothes and a bible.

In 1846 he started west and after stopping in Ohio for a time came on to Milwaukee. Here he saw a team starting for Janesville and secured passage with same to Troy, where he arrived November 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stratton, who had come west three years before. The following spring he took up land adjoining the Stratton home and began to break the sod and to build a home. It was his home for over sixty years. And when on Monday his remains were laid to rest, it was in the family lot of the cemetery which had been cut from his farm and donated by him for that purpose; and in which the deceased members of his family all rest.

On December 22, 1849, Mr. Chatfield was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Holcomb, who died December 31, 1854, leaving him two sons, Norman (deceased) and Levi of Crown Point, Indiana.

On May 6, 1857, he married Miss Catherine Kling and to them were born four sons and three daughters: George of Milton Junction; Omer of West Allis; DeWitt of Troy Center; Jennie, deceased; Libbie, Mrs. Echser, deceased; Alice, Mrs. Gonla, of La Grange, and Seneca at home. Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield celebrated their golden wedding last May, surrounded by a large number of friends invited in honor of the day. To-day she has the deepest sympathy of friends because of her feeble health, which intensifies her loneliness. Her children, are a source of great comfort to her and were all present at the funeral.

When eighteen years of age Mr. Chatfield embraced the Christian religion and united with the Baptist church at Hamilton, New York, and always lived a consistent, exemplary life. He was industrious and