

Eagle Quill

Obit. - Silvernail, Jay D.

1/21/1854 - 4/24/1940

## Jay Danford Silvernail

Jay Danford Silvernail was born in Ancram, New York, Jan. 21th, 1854. He was the only child of Abram and Anna Silvernail. At an early age, he came to Wisconsin with his parents who settled at North Prairie. Here he spent his early manhood.

Sixty years ago on Dec. 25th, 1879, he was united in marriage to Annie E. Stead. They made their home in Reedsburg for a few years. After which they moved to this vicinity where they have since resided.

To this union was born five children, May Adell Smart who preceded him in death four years ago and little Ora Belle who died in infancy. Three children, Arthur of Whitewater; Guy of Genssee and Mrs. Beula Bayer of Waukesha and his wife Annie, and two grandsons, Jack Silvernail and James Smart survive.

Mr. Silvernail died early Wednesday morning, April 24, 1940. Aged 86 yrs., 3 months and 3 days.

To this brief summary of Mr. Silvernail's life it seems fitting to add a few remarks and lines of tribute to this venerable old gentleman of Eagle. Residents will recall that he was the first rural mail carrier out of Eagle. He was assigned this post in 1901 and retained it until his retirement twenty one years ago. As with all pioneers and he was a pioneer in the rural mail system, he had to contend with