

OBIT. — SMART, ROBERT
1825 -

DEATH OF AN EARLY SETTLER

Robert Smart, who died at his home three miles north of this village Saturday eve., Aug. 5th, was born in Hull, Yorkshire, England, in 1825 and came to this country with his parents in 1836, residing at first in Michigan. The family remained in Michigan and also a portion of the time in Indiana until 1838 when Robert came here from Michigan when a boy of twelve, to Prairieville with his uncle Isaac Smart in 1837, driving an ox team all the way, over what was then almost a roadless, unbroken wilderness, with no path to guide them but the Indian trail.

He remained in Prairieville (Waukesha) working for his uncle Isaac Smart who was the earliest pioneer settler of that town, and for others, until 1845 when he came to this town settling on the place where he had since lived up to the time of his death. In his early days he drove large teams of six or eight yoke of oxen and a good many farms south of Waukesha were first broken by the long line of the moving oxen driven by his strong hand.

In 1850 Robert Smart was married to Miss Jane Culbert who still survives him together with six children, Mrs. H. E. Miller, Mrs. Belle Chadin, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Miss Mable, and Mr. Frederick and Arctae R. Smart, all of whom reside in this county except Mrs. Belle Chadin who is in Kenosha. His aged mother past ninety, still survives him and resides near North Prairie. He was a good farmer, an accomplished, friendly neighbor, an affectionate husband and father, a most respectable man, his death and loss whose presence will be sorely missed by many warm friends.