

15 Apr 1859 - 13 Feb 1942

Frank B. Thomas

Our little village was shocked Friday morning when the sad news was disclosed that during the night one of our most respected citizens, Frank B. Thomas, had passed away. Only the day before he had been about town greeting his friends in his usual pleasant way and news of his passing came with all force of a surprise to everyone. Frank was the youngest son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Thomas, early pioneer settlers of this community and was born April 15, 1859 on the Thomas farm, now owned by his son, Lee Thomas. Here he spent his entire childhood being the youngest of a family of 9 children attending the Palestine and Eagle School. On Oct. 8, 1880 he was united in marriage to Stella Sprague who has been his faithful companion for the past 62 years. On Oct. 8, 1930 this venerable couple had the privilege of celebrating their golden wedding. In 1910 they left their farm home and built a fine home in the village where they could spend their declining years. Mr. Thomas was a great lover of home and friends and was never more happy than to be surrounded by his children and their families. He was assessor of the village for 10 years and always took a keen interest in all public affairs. He leaves surviving him besides his widow, three children, Ernest of Oconomowoc, Lee of Eagle and (Ona) Mrs. Ren-nemo of Fort Atkinson, besides 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. The funeral took place from the home Sunday afternoon, 1:30 P. M. Rev. Beers of North Prairie officiating. Burial was in the family lot in North Prairie cemetery. The pall bearers were Bruno Wingerter, Harry Burton, E. J. Burton, C. L. Shearer and Vinton Sherman.

Those from away who attended the funeral of Mr. Thomas were Frank Reeves of Pewaukee, Mrs. Gertrude Sprague and daughters, Mrs. Charles Bancroft, Mrs. Hathaway of Waukesha, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sprague, Wm. Kingston, Mukwonago and Elmer Viel of Milwaukee.

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