

## Death of William J. Barnes.

William J. Barnes, one of the county's early citizens, died quite suddenly at the home of his brother, at Spring Arbor, Mich., on Friday, the 12th inst. Mr. Barnes has been visiting in Michigan since about the middle of November. About a year ago he had a severe attack of the grip and after his arrival in Michigan he contracted a very severe cold, and the symptoms indicated a recurrence of the grip. He was improving, however, and it was not deemed necessary to notify his wife and children, as it was thought his ailment would soon pass away. On the morning of the 12th his brother brought a glass of water into the bedroom where Mr. Barnes was dressing for breakfast. The latter drank the water, sank back on the bed and almost immediately passed away.

Mr. Barnes was born in Cambridge-shire, England, in 1830 and came to America when about eleven or twelve years of age. In 1880 he came to Barnes county, taking up government land north of Sanborn, where he has resided ever since. His wife, to whom he was married 47 years ago in New York state, survives him, also three children. The children, in the order of their ages, are Mrs. Mary E. Hood, of Rogers; W. R. Barnes, of Rogers, and Prof. M. W. Barnes, of this city.

The funeral was held at Sanborn on Wednesday, the 17th inst., in the Congregational church, the services being conducted by Rev. Mark Williams. A very large number of Mr. Barnes' old friends and neighbors were in attendance. The burial was at the Sanborn cemetery.