

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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Death of C. B. Howell.

Monday's Detroit Tribune pays the following tribute to the memory of a former well-known Pontiacer:

The death of Charles B. Howell, which occurred at his residence, 17 Pitcher street, Sunday, Sept 30, at 3 p. m., removes a prominent character from Detroit's professional and political life. As a lawyer, author and public speaker he was widely known.

"He was in many respects a remarkable man," said Silas Farmer last evening. "He possessed a brilliant mind that was never idle. Of genial disposition and warm, sympathetic feelings he won friends easily and kept them. He was particularly devoted to his home and passed peacefully away in the presence of his family.

The deceased was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 30th, 1840, and came to Michigan with his parents when 9 years of age, settling at Pontiac, where, while yet quite young, he engaged with his brother, M. B. N. Howell, in the publication of the PONTIAC GAZETTE. In 1863, through the influence of Senator Chandler, he was appointed to a position in the Detroit post-office. In 1864 he was graduated from the law department of the University at Ann Arbor, and went to Washington, D. C., where he soon became one of the most efficient and best posted employes of the general land office. The year 1868 found him in Minnesota, where he took an active part in political matters serving two terms as probate judge and one term as county attorney.

In 1874 he came to Detroit and engaged in the practice of law, in which he continued until two years ago, when he was obliged to abandon his profession because of a paralytic affection of his vocal organs. He then turned his attention to literary pursuits, publishing a law volume entitled "Michigan Nisi Prius Cases," which is highly recommended. A small volume of poems bearing the title "Next Door," possessed unusual merit. He was a member of the Central M. E. Church, and a director of the Y. M. C. A. His malady was a peculiar one, causing a gradual wasting away of the body, while the mind remained clear and bright to the last. He leaves a widow and daughter, the latter, Miss Grace Howell, a teacher in the city schools. The remains were brought to Pontiac for burial last Friday.