

Founder of the Pigeon Progress, George H. A. Shaw, passed away Monday, November 14 about 3:00 a.m. at the age of 79.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jessie Notter and two foster daughters, Mrs. Bernard Kuhl of Sebawaing and Mrs. Howard Schweitzer, Bay Port.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, at 3:30 p.m. at the Shetler Funeral home. Elder Archie Harder officiated. Burial was in the New Bay Port Cemetery. Graveside services were in charge of Winsor Lodge 420 F & AM.

George Shaw was born near Montpelier, Vermont, on January 22, 1876. At three years of age he moved with his parents to Tawas City, Michigan, where he attended school through the eighth grade. At that time he entered the office of the Tawas Herald as an apprentice printer, serving three years there, and he was then employed in newspaper offices at Prescott and Omer.

Moving to Bay City in 1895, he was employed for six months at the Wheeler ship yards, later working as a news compositor on the Bay City Tribune.

On September 10, 1897 Mr. Shaw established the Pigeon Progress, which he operated continuously for 46 years, selling in December 1943, to George V. Hartman.

In November, 1899 he was united in marriage to Jessie Notter, with residence in Pigeon until 1916, when they moved to a farm in Fairhaven Township.

Shaw served as a trustee on the Pigeon village council during 1906 and 1907, and was village president in 1908 and 1909.

He was a member of Winsor Lodge, 420 F & AM, member of the Bad Axe Commandery, and a charter member of the Pigeon Rotary Club, holding an honorary membership until his death.

Active in civic affairs, he was always interested in promoting this community. He was well known among newspapermen of the state, having served as president of the Michigan Press Association.