

Vinzenz Baebler
May 11, 1829 – Oct. 3, 1907

Vinzenz Baebler, whose death was mentioned in these columns last week, was born on May 11, 1829, at Matt, Canton of Glarus, Switzerland. He remained in his native country until the year 1886, when he emigrated to America, coming directly to Green county. He purchased a farm about two miles east of Monticello, which he conducted for a year, and then turned over the management of the same to his sons. Later he sold the farm to his son Vincent. The deceased led a retired life during the greater portion of the time since his arrival in this country, and was making his home with his son, Conrad Baebler, when the final summons came.

Mr. Baebler was married in 1855 to Miss Maria Stauffacher, who preceded him to the other shore on the 25th of December, 1893. To this union twelve children were born. Three of this number died in infancy and two others came to their death in a tragic manner. Of the seven surviving children there are three sons and four daughters, as follows: Conrad, John and Vincent Baebler, Mrs. Abraham Kubli and Mrs. Henry F. Freitag, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Peter Babler, of Monticello, and Mrs. Wm. Pagel, of Sylvester. Twenty-three grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Mary Elmer, of Browntown, also survive him.

The deceased had been in poor health for several months. Last winter he experienced a severe sick spell, which greatly enfeebled his constitution and from the effects of which he never fully recovered. His final illness covered a period of about three months, and medical aid proved of no avail in staying the progress of the disease. He suffered from cancer of the stomach, and his condition grew gradually worse until Wednesday morning, October 9, when he closed his eyes in the (*words obscured*) and passed into the great and mysterious beyond. He had reached the age of 78 years, 4 months and 28 days.

The funeral was held at the German Reformed church in this village on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, the services being conducted by the Rev. Carl Heyl. A fitting testimonial to the upright and honorable life, which the deceased had always led, was evidenced in the large number of old neighbors, friends and acquaintances who were present at the last sad rites.

The remains were interred in the local cemetery.