

Emeritha Disch

December 27, 1850 – Oct. 1917

AGED WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. John Disch Dies at the Home of Her Son, Near Albany

Mrs. John Disch, of this village, for many years a resident of this vicinity, passed away at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning last, her death taking place at the home of her son, Christ Disch, near Albany, where she and Mr. Disch had gone about a week before for a visit. While her health had been poorly for a number of years, it was not until a few days preceding her death that her condition assumed a serious aspect. While she had the best care and medical assistance during her last days, her ailment proved unyielding in its nature and she failed gradually until the end. The news of her death was a severe shock to many of her neighbors and friends in this vicinity, most of whom were unaware that she was seriously ill. At the time of her death she was 66 years, 9 months and 29 days of age.

Emeritha Zuest was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zuest, having been born on the 27th day of December, 1850, at Greuss, Canton of Graubunden, Switzerland. She was baptized in early infancy, Jan. 5, 1851, and was confirmed on Good Friday, March 30, 1866. In the year 1876 she was united in marriage to John Disch, this union being blessed with eight children—six sons and two daughters. Five children were born in the old country; two sons and one daughter in this vicinity.

They emigrated to America in 1885, coming directly to Monticello. They made their home in the village for three years, and the following four years they lived on the old Sears farm, north of Monticello. Later Mr. Disch purchased a farm in Exeter township which was the family home until 1904, when they retired from active life and returned to the village to spend their declining years.

In the year 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Disch enjoyed the pleasure of a return visit to the land of their nativity, at which time they spent a number of months among their relatives and former neighbors and friends.

Mrs. Disch was a woman who was always held in high esteem by those she numbered among her friends. She was a kind and obliging neighbor, and a faithful and loving wife and mother. Her death is deeply deplored by relatives and friends alike,

Surviving her besides the bereaved husband are five sons—John, Henry, Fred, Jacob and Christ, and two daughters, Mrs. Jacob Elmer and Mrs. Josiah Crouch. One son preceded her in death in 1891. Besides her immediate family, she is survived by nineteen grandchildren, as well as one brother and two sisters still living in Switzerland.

The funeral was held from her late home at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with services later at the German Reformed church. Rev. Muehlmeier officiated and interment was in the family lot in the old cemetery. Among those from a distance who were present was Mrs. Christ. Conrad, of Dubuque, Iowa. Many other friends of the family were present from Monroe, New Glarus and other points,