

Fred C. Elmer
July 8, 1869 – June 1936

**Fred C. Elmer, Sr., Monticello, Passes Away After Stroke
Funeral Rites Conducted; Burial Takes Place in Highland**

Funeral services for Fred C. Elmer, Sr., 66 years of age, well known resident of Monticello, who died at the home of his son, Fred C. Elmer, Jr., Exeter township about 6 o'clock Saturday morning following a stroke which he suffered a few days earlier, and from which he failed to regain consciousness, were conducted at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon in his home on South Main street and at 2 in the Reformed church.

Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the church, presided at the services and interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were: A. B. Carroll, Anthony Carroll, Frank Eagen, Clarence Gould, Dick Freitag and Bruno Dietzsch, all residents of Exeter township and former farmer neighbors of the deceased.

Still an unusually active man, Mr. Elmer was the victim of a sudden stroke about noon Tuesday, June 16, while in the act of getting a team of horses into the barn on the farm of his son. After considerable effort Mr. Elmer suddenly collapsed in the barn, excitement and exhaustion being given as the cause of the unfortunate occurrence. For several days following the stroke, Mr. Elmer's condition was very grave, and he regained consciousness only for brief intervals, finally coming to a peaceful end on his march down life's pathway at an early hour Saturday morning.

Native of Switzerland

A native of Switzerland, Fred C. Elmer was a son of Christopher and Ursula Elmer, having been born in Elm, Canton Glarus on July 8, 1869. At the age of 12 he came with his parents to America in the spring of 1881, the family settling on the farm now conducted by his nephew, John C. Elmer, about a mile southeast of Monticello. He was married to Susanna Zentner in January 1893. Following their marriage, the couple occupied a farm in Mt. Pleasant township for seven years, subsequently moving to Exeter township, where they lived until 1924. Since leaving the farm, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer have made their home in Monticello. Their son, Fred C. Elmer, Jr., has conducted the farm since their removal to the village.

Mr. Elmer is survived by the widow, one son, Fred C. Elmer, Jr. one daughter, Mrs. Charles Bandi, New Glarus, and one granddaughter, Pauline Bandi.

Mr. Elmer was a man of many commendable qualities and news of his death has occasioned sincere regret among a large circle of friends not only in this vicinity but elsewhere. Mr. Elmer was a member of the German Reformed church,