

Mathias Geigel

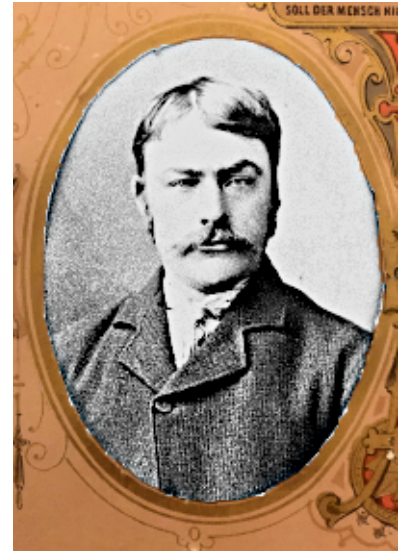
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Matt Geigel, Monroe, Dies at Age of 103

Matt Geigel, who would have celebrated his 104th birthday Sept. 24, died at his home Saturday after a short illness.

Mr. Geigel said last month that he hoped to live to be the oldest person in the United States. The former hardware store owner had spent the last few years looking forward to each birthday when he could proudly add another year and entertain the many guests who honored him.

Mr. Geigel, born in Madison in 1858, was in comparatively good health until he became ill on Monday night of last week. His hearing and eyesight had dulled, and he was confined to his room, but he still enjoyed company and talking over old times.



Moved to Dutch Hollow

While still a boy he moved from Madison to Dutch Hollow in Mt. Pleasant township, where he later married Euphemia Stauffacher in 1882. She died in 1944.

Until his retirement in 1948, Mr. Geigel operated a hardware store and implement business in Monroe. He began work at age 17 by buying a threshing rig and harvesting. After 23 years, he purchased a farm, later a cheese factory, and a lumber business, before opening his hardware store.

He was a member of the IOOF and the Immanuel Evangelical United Brethren church.

Mr. Geigel lived with his two daughters, Mrs. Anna Legler and Miss Marie Geigel.

Other survivors are two sons, William and Albert, Monroe: a brother, Sam, Westminster, Colo.: three grandsons, and five great-grandsons.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Shriner-Neushwander funeral home. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.