

Magdalena Hefty

July 6, 1860 - Oct. 21, 1916

MRS. DAVID HEFTY IS CALLED

Answers Final Summons Saturday Morning, After Long Illness.

Mrs. David Hefty, one of the highly esteemed residents of the village, answered the final summons at the family residence on Prospect avenue at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, Oct. 21, her death coming as the culmination of a period of failing health which had its inception about two and one half years ago, when she passed through a serious siege of pneumonia. While she had been confined to her bed for the past six or seven weeks, there were few indeed who were aware that her condition was considered critical, hence the news of her death came as a shock to friends and relatives alike.

Magdalena Kanel was a native of Switzerland, having been born at Scharnachthal, Canton of Bern, on the 6th day of July 1860, The early years of her life were spent in the land of her nativity. She was married to Gottlieb Theiler on April 30, 1887, the couple embarking on a voyage to America two weeks later. They came direct to Green county, Wisconsin, and for a period of two and one-half years resided on a farm in Washington township. From there they moved to a farm in Adams township and in the year 1892 moved to the farm now owned by Fred Babler, in Mt. Pleasant township, It was on this farm that her first husband passed away, his death resulting from heart failure on April 24, 1894. This union was blessed with four children— three sons and one daughter—of which one son died in infancy.

On Oct. 1, 1895, she was married to David Hefty, the husband who survives her. One daughter was born to this union. The couple resided on a farm in Washington township for the following eleven years, removing to the village in 1907, at which time Mr, Hefty retired from farming. It was here that she spent the declining years of her life, always having been held in high regard by all with whom she came in contact. Last July Mrs. Hefty passed her 56th birthday anniversary, at which time she received a total of eighty-seven post cards from relatives and friends. The thoughtfulness of her friends on this occasion brought her untold pleasure and was one of the incidents which she often commented upon during her final illness.

The deceased had reached the age of 56 years, 3 months and 15 days at the time of her death. In addition to the husband, she is survived by two sons and one daughter by her first marriage, one daughter by her second marriage, and eight grandchildren. Eleven brothers and sisters, still living in Switzerland, also survive her.

Funeral services were held from the German Reformed church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the remains being taken to the Reformed cemetery in Washington township for interment. Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiated. A large concourse of relatives and friends were present to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed, among the number being many from neighboring towns. Many beautiful floral offerings were in evidences.