

## **John Jacob Klassy**

**May 1, 1851 – Dec. 1916**

### **Jacob Klassy, Well Known Farmer Dies of Heart Failure Saturday**

The people of this community were greatly shocked on Saturday morning last to hear of the sudden death of Jacob Klassy, for years a well known farmer living just east of the depots. Mr. Klassy's death was occasioned by heart failure and occurred at 6 o'clock in the morning, as he was engaged in doing the morning chores at the barn. He appeared to be in his usual health up to the time of the final summons, the end coming suddenly and without warning.

John Jacob Klassy was born in Milwaukee on May 1, 1851. When he was three years of age his parents took him to Switzerland, where the family remained for one year. They then returned to America and settled at New Glarus. Several years later they moved to a farm six miles southwest of that village. The subject of this sketch remained there with his parents for a period of years, later being employed in various places,

He was married to Charlotte Rolph on Oct. 1, 1881. The same year he became the owner of the farm, one mile east of the village, where he continued to make his home up to the time of his death. Mr. Klassy was an industrious and hard-working man and was known as a successful farmer. As a neighbor he was kind and accommodating, and in his business dealing he was always fair and square. He was a considerate husband, closely devoted to his home, and because of his friendly disposition, he had always been held in high esteem by a large circle of acquaintances.

Besides the bereaved widow, he is survived by three brothers, Sam, Henry and Fred Klassy, living in and near New Glarus, and many other relatives in this vicinity and elsewhere.

Funeral services were held at the German Reformed church Monday afternoon, the last sad rites being witnessed by many sympathizing neighbors and friends. Rev. Muehlmeier officiated and the remains were laid to rest in Highland cemetery.