

## **GEO. LEGLER PASSES AWAY**

**Was One of the Pioneers of New Glarus Township--Found Dead in Bed.**

**Aug. 1, 1830 – Dec. 10, 1903**

George Legler, Sr., one of the early settlers of New Glarus township and who came from Switzerland to America with the first seventeen families composing the New Glarus colony, was found dead in his bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John C. Blum, of Mt. Pleasant township, on Thursday morning, Dec. 10. His death was due to heart trouble. The sorrowful news of his sudden and unexpected demise came as a severe shock to the children and relatives of the deceased, as well as to his many old neighbors and friends, here and elsewhere, who had always known him as an upright and honorable citizen, an ideal neighbor and an indulgent and loving father.

The deceased was born at Diessbach, Canton of Glarus, Switzerland, on August 1, 1830, emigrating to this country with his parents in 1845, when but a lad of fifteen years. The family located in the vicinity of New Glarus and the subject of this sketch was united in marriage on the 26th day of April, 1855, to Miss Barbara Schindler, who preceded him in death on March 19, 1876. This union was blessed with fourteen children, four of whom died in early infancy. The deceased was one of the substantial farmers of New Glarus township, but owing to his advanced years he disposed of his farm in 1888 and since that time has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Blum. Mr. Legler passed through a severe sickness in 1866 and he has since suffered more or less from heart trouble.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Steinmann and Mrs. Elizabeth Blum, and eight sons, namely: Fred, George, John, Abe, Andrew, Nicholas, David and Edward, who, in their sad bereavement, have the sincere sympathy of all. All are residents of this vicinity excepting George, who resides near Argyle.

The funeral was held from the German Reformed church of this village on Sunday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Carl Heyl, and a large concourse followed the remains to their last resting place. Interment was in the local cemetery.