

John Marty, Sr.
1843 – February 1938

Conduct Last Rites For John Marty, Sr.
Aged Mt. Pleasant Citizen Is Called After Brief Illness

Funeral services for John Marty, Sr., 95 years of age, for more than a half century a resident of Mt. Pleasant township, who passed away at his farm home at 1:30 on Wednesday afternoon of last week following a period of failing health that had its inception in November were held at 1:30 Saturday afternoon at the home for the family and at 2 in the Monticello Reformed church.

Rev. A. Muehlmeier, church pastor, officiated. Interment was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were as follows: Edward, Albert, Herman, Wilbert, John and Henry Marty, and Albert Balsiger, all grandsons, and Melvin Marty.

Native of Switzerland

Mr. Marty was born in Engi, Canton Glarus, Switzerland, a son of John and Marie Stauffacher Marty. When 19 years of age he came to America and settled in Mt. Pleasant township, where he continued to reside for the remainder of his life. He resided on the same farm in Mt. Pleasant township for 74 years. He acquired the large farm where he passed away and for many years made up the milk from his dairy herd into cheese in a factory which he built on the farm. He recalled that in the early days, before the advent of cheese factories, they made the cheese in their homes in wash boilers. He also recalled that in the early days of the cheese industry it was necessary for the producers to make trips to Madison and other large cities to dispose of their product.

Married in 1878

On Oct. 10, 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Babler, the ceremony taking place in Mt. Pleasant township. They immediately took up farming and Mr. Marty, through hard work, had established himself as a prosperous and industrious farmer. Mrs. Marty survives at the age of 82. Other survivors are six sons, Matt, Henry M. and Jacob Marty, Mt. Pleasant township, Adam, Monroe, John, Janesville, and Herman, Los Angeles, Cal.; two daughters, Mrs. Chris Balsiger, Juda, and Marie, at home; one brother, Adam, in Switzerland, a sister, Mrs. Adam Marty, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded by a daughter, one sister, and three brothers.

Mr. Marty was a member of the Reformed church.