

Rosa Rolph

September 12, 1867 - May 18, 1917

MRS. C. F. ROLPH PASSES AWAY

End Comes at Freeport Hospital After Illness of Several Weeks

Many friends in this vicinity and elsewhere were deeply grieved last Friday morning to learn of the death of Mrs. Chas. F. Rolph, which occurred at the Litgle(sp?) hospital, Freeport, following an illness of several weeks duration. Mrs. Rolph's final illness had its inception on the 9th of March, when she was taken ill with pneumonia at the family home on Prospect avenue. Although she received the tenderest of care from loving hands and was constantly under the care of a trained nurse, her condition apparently became more grave with the passing of time, and it was finally deemed advisable that she be removed to a hospital, But even this last resort proved unavailing. Complications that subsequently developed proved too great a strain upon her already weakened constitution and she was finally compelled to give up the unequal struggle and pass on to the better land. In the presence of her entire family, she quietly breathed her last on the morning of May 18, at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Rosa Rolph was a daughter of Ulrich and Anna Fiechter and was born at Seeberg, Canton of Berne, Switzerland, on September 12, 1867. Her childhood days were spent in her native country, where she received her education. At the age of 17 years she accompanied one of her sisters, Mrs. John Wyss, and family, on their trip to America. After reaching this country she made her home partly with her sister, who settled in Washington township, this county, and partly as a domestic in the neighboring places and towns. She was married to Chas. F. Rolph on January 29, 1886, the ceremony taking place at Monroe. After a residence of one year in New Glarus township, the couple came to Monticello to reside and this village had since been her home, She was the mother of five children, one son and one daughter having preceded her in death in early infancy.

In the early years of her life Mrs. Rolph enjoyed the best of health, but for many years she had been called upon to bear a great deal of suffering, being ill a great deal of the time. In the year 1900 she and her family enjoyed the pleasure of a visit to her old home in Switzerland, being absent from the states for a period of three months. At that time she had the good fortune of once more seeing her parents and brothers alive. Her father died a few years later, her mother about two years ago and a brother last year. Her sister, Mrs. Wyss, with whom she came to this country, died several years ago.

The deceased was a woman of many commendable qualities and was always held in high esteem by those who knew her. She was a faithful and consistent member of the German Reformed church and was always present at the services unless unavoidable circumstances prevented. She was also an active member of the Ladies' Aid society. She was a woman who was closely devoted to her family and to look after the welfare and comfort of those about her was indeed a great pleasure. In her death the bereaved husband losses a kind and considerate wife, and the children lose a true friend who was to them all that a mother could be.

Besides the grief stricken husband she is survived by one son, Charles M., two daughters, Miss Hilda Rolph and Mrs, Lilia Stauffer; one son-in-law, one daughter-in-law, one grand child, two sisters, Mrs. David Nagali, of Minnesota, and Mrs, Mary Glauser Meier, of Darlington, two brothers, John and Fred, still living in Switzerland, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the house and later at the German Reformed church, her pastor Rev. Muehlmeier, officiating, assisted by Rev. G. D. Elliker, of New Glarus. Despite the inclement weather the attendance was unusually large, and the floral tributes were many and most beautiful,