

Mary Schultz

Jan. 19, 1857 – Nov. 1933

Mrs. Fred Schultz Paid Final Tribute

Old Resident Saw Many Changes During Life Here

Mrs. Fred W. Schultz, aged 76, for half a century an esteemed resident of Washington township, passed away at 11:45 on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emil W. Stauffacher, Monroe, where she had been receiving medical treatment for the past three weeks. Mrs. Schultz had been in poor health for a number of years. Heart trouble and complications are given as the cause of her death.

Mary Etta Gill was a native of Green county and had spent her entire life within a few miles of her birthplace. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gill, who were among the county's first settlers, and was born in Monroe township on Jan. 19, 1857. She was united in marriage to Fred W. Schultz at Juda on Feb. 22, 1882. Since then she had lived on the farm at what was formerly known as Schultz station on the Illinois Central railroad, about 5 miles south of Monticello.

During the half century in which Mrs. Schultz lived at the "station" she had witnessed many changes. At that time the stage line was in operation between Monroe, Monticello and New Glarus. Four years later the Illinois Central built through this section from Freeport to Madison. The stage line was soon discontinued. All passenger trains on the railroad stopped at Schultz station upon signal, and residents of the neighborhood found the train service a great convenience in going to and from Monroe and Monticello. Then came the automobile and with its growing popularity, passenger service on the railroad was gradually curtailed. Finally all straight passenger trains were discontinued and now only mixed trains are the rule. For several years the Schultz family conducted a store at the "station," which was a convenience much appreciated by residents of the farming community.

Mrs. Schultz was a woman of many commendable qualities and had always been held in high esteem by those who knew her.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters, Harry A. Schultz, Twin Falls, Idaho, and Roy Schultz, Monroe; Mrs. Albert Witt, Mt. Pleasant township, and Mrs. Emil W. Stauffacher, Monroe; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She also leaves two sisters, Misses Hannah and Anna Gill, Monroe, and a brother, Richard Gill, Clyde, Kan. Four brothers and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Bleiler, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held in Monroe Saturday afternoon at 1:30 in the Stauffacher home and at 2 in the Union church, with the Rev. C. A. Rawson officiating. Interment was in the Dutch Hollow cemetery.