

Jakob Stauffacher
January 29, 1817 – March 28, 1877

Jakob Stauffacher was born January 29, 1817 in the village of Matt, canton Glarus, Switzerland. He and Elsbeth Speich, also of Matt, were married 24. September 1838, and in 1845, emigrated to Green County, Wisconsin as part of the original colonists of New Glarus, Wisconsin. They arrived in Wisconsin with 3 children. The couple had 15 children total; 4 died at birth or as infants.

Following the death of his wife, Jakob was married for a short time to widow Sophia Hefti, who had immigrated to the New Glarus area (Biltental) with her husband, Johann Rudolf Hefti, in 1847. Following Jakob's death, Sophia moved to Oregon to be near two of her daughters.

NOTE: Interred in the Dutch Hollow Cemetery.

(Information includes research by descendant Deborah Krauss and New Glarus historian and genealogist, Linda Schiesser.)