

## **Mary Stauffacher**

**November 21, 1865 – August 1933**

### **Mrs. C. Stauffacher Dies at Home Here After Long Illness Had Been Resident of This County Since Year 1881**

Mrs. Conrad Stauffacher, for years a highly esteemed resident of this village and vicinity, passed away at the family home on South Main street at an early hour Sunday morning, the end coming following a long period of failing health. Mrs. Stauffacher suffered from an incurable disease and for a number of months it had been known that she must eventually give up the unequal struggle and pass to her eternal reward.

Mary Elmer was a native of Switzerland, having been born in the canton of Elm on November 21, 1865. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Elmer and came to America with her parents in the spring of 1881. The family came directly to Wisconsin and Mr. Elmer purchased what was then known as the Clemmant farm, situated at the southeast corner of the village. The farm is still in the Elmer family and is now conducted by John C. Elmer, of the third generation, and a grandson of the original buyer. The railroads were built into Monticello six years after the family settled in their new home.

On May 16, 1882, the subject of this sketch was united in marriage to Conrad Stauffacher, the ceremony taking place in New Glarus. The following forty years they spent on the well-known Stauffacher farm, midway between Monticello and New Glarus. In 1915 they turned the management of the farm over to their son and continued to make their home there until 1924, when they moved to the village, where they have resided since.

Mrs. Stauffacher was a woman of many commendable traits and was much thought of by neighbors and friends alike. She was a faithful member of the Reformed church and was also affiliated with the Lades' Aid Society of the congregation in which she always took a keen interest.

Besides the widower she is survived by three daughters and four sons, as follows: Mrs. J. U. Elmer, New Glarus; Mrs. Ed. C. Hefty, Washington township, and Miss Marie Stauffacher, at home; Werner Stauffacher, at home; Conrad and Fred Stauffacher, who conduct the homestead farm, and Dick Stauffacher, Milwaukee.

She also leaves five sisters and four brothers: Mrs. Thomas Zimmerman, Monticello; Mrs. Jacob Kernen, Sheboygan, Wis.; Mrs. Catherine Grimm, Monroe; Mrs. John E. Duerst, New Glarus; Mrs. Jacob Kuehni, Iola, Kansas; Sebastian Elmer, Woodland, Cal.; Fred C. and Blasius Elmer, Monticello, and Rev. Jacob Elmer, Freeport, Ill.

Final rites were conducted at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon in the home and at 2 o'clock in the Reformed church, with the Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiating. Interment was in Highland cemetery.