

DEATH OF AGED PIONEER

Mrs. Christine Wittwer Answered Final summons on Friday Last

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Another of Green county's worthy pioneers answered the final summons on Friday of last week, when Mrs. Christine Wittwer passed away at her home on South Main Street. Mrs Wittwer passed to the Great Beyond shortly after 12 o'clock, her death following a period of failing health which had its inception two or three years ago. For the past year and a half she had been confined to her bed the greater portion of the time. The cause of her demise is attributed largely to the infirmities incident to old age.

Christine Itten was born at Spietz, Canton of Berne, Switzerland, on the 3rd day of May, 1829, attaining womanhood in the land of her nativity. In the year 1850 she was united in marriage to Gottlieb Wittwer. The following year the couple emigrated to America, first locating in the state of Ohio. After living there for about a year they came west to Wisconsin, with Monroe as their destination. They had made their home at the county seat but a short time when Mr. Wittwer purchased a farm in Washington township, upon which they continued to make their home until a few years ago, when they came to Monticello to spend the declining years of their lives. Mr. Wittwer passed away a year or two after they moved to the village, his death taking place on Dec. 29, 1911.

Mrs. Wittwer was the mother of two children, two of whom preceded their parents in death. There are four daughters and four sons surviving as follows: Mrs. Jacob Regez, Sr., and Mrs. J. T. Etter, of Monroe; Mrs. Lizetta Regez and Mrs. Jesse Lemon, of Monticello; Jacob and Albert, of New Glarus; Gottlieb, of Washington township, and Edward of Monticello. In addition she is survived by thirty-eight grandchildren and thirty-six great-grandchildren.

The deceased was a woman who was always much beloved because of her many commendable traits of character, and the news of her death was received with sorrow by the many old friends and neighbors with whom she had been intimately acquainted for more than half a century. At the time of her death she had reached the age of 88 years, 1 month and 19 days.

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon from her late home, and at 2 o'clock p. m. from the Swiss Reformed church at New Glarus. Rev. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Monticello Reformed church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Elliker, of New Glarus. An unusually large concourse of relatives and friends were in attendance at the last sad rites.