

## **Hilarius Zentner**

**Aug. 11, 1852 – October 1922**

### **Hilarius Zentner Called After Few Weeks' Illness**

Hilarius Zentner, for the past forty years a well-known and highly respected resident of this village and vicinity, passed away at his home on Water street at 4:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, after an illness of three or four weeks duration. Mr. Zentner was first taken ill with inflammatory rheumatism and was apparently improving when intestinal complications developed which eventually resulted in his death. Very few were aware that his condition was at all critical and hence the news of his death came as a shock to relatives and friends alike.

Mr. Zentner was a native of Switzerland, having been born at Elm, canton of Glarus, on Aug. 11, 1852, His marriage to Miss Elizabeth Zentner occurred there on June 21, 1881, and a year later the couple came to America and located on a farm a few miles northwest of, Monticello.

Me. Zentner made his home on this same farm for a period of twenty-six years. He was a man of industrious disposition and because of the close attention which he gave to his farm work he came to be recognized as one of the successful farmers of the community. Thirteen years ago he retired from active farm work and turned the old homestead farm over to his son, Oswald H. Zentner. Since then he had followed the trade of stone mason a great deal of the time.

Mr, Zentner was a charter member of the Monticello Reformed church and was always interested in the welfare of organization. He was a man who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him; a worthy citizen and a kind and accommodating neighbor. He was closely devoted to his family and no effort which would add to their comfort and welfare seemed too great for him to make. And in the great sorrow that has overtaken them, the bereaved relatives have the sincere sympathy of all.

Besides the bereaved widow, he is survived by five sons and three daughters, as follows: Henry, Casper, Oswald H., and Emil, of Monticello; Fred, of Monroe; Mrs. J. M. Duerst, of Belleville, Mrs. Herman Klassy and Mrs, Cecil Jordan, of Monticello. He is also survived by twenty-one grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were held from his late home at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and later at the Reformed church. Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiated. The services were largely attended, among those present being many from Monroe, New Glarus and other surrounding towns. Burial was in Highland cemetery.