

DEATH OF CASPER HAMMERLI

March 19, 1868 - Apr 20 1912 (at age 44)

End Comes to Mt. Pleasant Farmer After Only Short Illness.

The entire community was shocked on Saturday morning to learn of the death of Casper Hammerli, which occurred at 4:30 o'clock that morning at his farm home in Mt. Pleasant township. Many were unaware that he had been in anything but his usual health and consequently they could hardly believe the sorrowful news for the time being. Death resulted from cerebral hemorrhages, occasioned by striking his head against an iron boiler while engaged in butchering on April 2nd. The injury appeared to be of such a nature that Mr. Hammerli gave it no thought for the time being and it was only a week or ten days before his death that it gave him any concern at all. He was able to be about and attend to his farm duties as late as Tuesday of last week, but the day following he was compelled to take to his bed. From that time on—only three short days—he grew gradually worse until the death angel finally entered and summoned him forever from the scenes of earth and the loved ones about him.

Mr. Hammerli was a man who was highly spoken of by all who knew him and his untimely death is deeply deplored by the entire community. He had made his home in the neighborhood for the past seven years and, as an example of the thrift and industry with which he was imbued, it may be said that during that comparatively short time he had replaced all of the old farm buildings with new and modern structures and improved the property in many other ways. His last effort in that direction was the building of a modern farm dwelling, which was completed only last summer.

Mr. Hammerli was a native of Switzerland, born March 19, 1868, at Engi, Canton of Glarus. He emigrated to America in 1889, being then a young man of 21 years. Five years later, on March 1, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Elize Zimmerli, who with one son and two daughters, survive him. Aside from his immediate family and a few cousins, Mr. Hammerli had no relatives in this country, his aged father, one brother and one sister still living in Switzerland. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family in the great affliction which has come to them.

The funeral services were held from the German Reformed church, of which the deceased was a member, at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiating. The services were largely attended, many from neighboring towns being among those present to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed.