Jakob Altmann

Oct. 27, 1863 - April 27, 1952

Jakob Altmann Succumbs at 88

Jakob Altmann, 88, of 2632 13th street, the last living charter member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church at Monticello, died at 7:35 last night at St. Clare hospital where he had been a patient since Dec. 6.

The body will be taken from Voegeli funeral home, Monticello, to the Zwingli church at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday for services at 2 p.m. Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, Zwingli pastor, will officiate and burial will be in Monticello Highland cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, on Oct. 27, 1863, Mr. Altmann was the son of Paul and Barbara Klasse Altmann. When he was 18 he came to America in 1881 and settled in Green County near Monticello.

Mr. Altmann and the former Margaretha Marty, daughter of John and Elsbeth Heer Marty, were married on Dec. 8, 1892, at Monticello by the late Rev. H. Rusterholz. They lived on a farm in Washington township until 1912 when they moved to Monroe where Mr. Altmann owned and managed several farms in Monroe township.

Mr. Altmann was one of the first members of the Zwingli church and at the time of the 60th anniversary in 1947 was the only remaining charter member. The group gathered for worship services in 1884 and the congregation was organized in 1887 with the first church dedicated later in the year.

He leaves four sons, Fred, Monticello; Theodore, Henry and William, Monroe; a daughter, Mrs. Albert H. Heinzelman, Monroe; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Altmann died at the age of 71 Jan. 26, 1939. Also preceding him in death were a son, Jakob, in 1936; two daughters, Ottillia in 1926 and Mrs. Robert Weiss, 1949, a granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth Altmann, 17, in 1936; five brothers, Joe, Leonard, Dick, Paul and Thomas and a sister, Mrs. Jacob Babler.