Mary Elmer
July 29, 1872 - April 3, 1971
Mrs. Mary Elmer, 98, Dies; Rites Tuesday

Mrs. Mary Elmer, Route 4, Monroe, one of the area's oldest residents, died at 2:25 p. m. Saturday in the St. Clare hospital, Monroe, where she had been a patient since March 28, following a stroke.

She was born in Matt, Canton Glarus, Switzerland, on July 29, 1872, a daughter of John and Maria Babler Elmer. She came to America in 1880 with her parents, the family settling in the Monroe area. On Jan. 1, 1893, she was married to Henry Elmer in Browntown. They farmed about four miles north of Monroe. Mr. Elmer died Aug. 28, 1911, and she continued to farm until her three children were grown. She later became a housekeeper for the late W. T. Rawleigh in Freeport, a position she held for 27 years. She returned to the farm upon the death of her employer and continued to reside with her son, Henry, until her death.

Mrs. Elmer was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Monroe.

She is survived by the son, Henry, rural Monroe; a daughter, Mrs. Francis Ganshirt, Freeport; a brother, Jacob Elmer, Browntown; a sister, Mrs. Fannie Marty, Spokane, Wash.; seven grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 Tuesday afternoon in the Stuessy Funeral Home, Monroe. Rev. W. C. Koehler of St. John's church, officiated, and burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Monroe.