

**Nickolas Freitag**  
**Dec. 20, 1872 – April 7, 1952**  
**Nickolas Freitag, 75, Dies Suddenly**

Nickolas Freitag, 79 years of age, a life-long resident of Washington township, died suddenly at 2:45 Monday afternoon in the lawn of his farm home, 4 mile and a half northwest of Monticello, while he was engaged in raking leaves.

Mr. Freitag was the victim of a sudden heart attack.

Early last year he submitted to a serious major operation but his condition had improved considerably since then and he appeared to be in his usual spirits on the day on which he was seized with the sudden attack.

**Washington Township Native**

Mr. Freitag spent his entire life on the farm where he passed away. He was born Dec. 20, 1872, the son of Dietrich and Verna Elmer Freitag. He attended the Voegeli rural school near his home and the Milwaukee Business college. On Oct. 25, 1894, he was united in marriage to Elsbeth Hefty, the ceremony taking place on the Hefty homestead. The couple farmed for a long term of years, but Mr. Freitag had retired nearly 30 years ago, when he leased the large Freitag farm to tenants.

**Was Bank Director**

Mr. Freitag was a director of the Bank of Monticello for many years, an appointment which he was given in 1911, and he had served in that capacity ever since that time.

Green county's first Swiss cheese factory was erected on the Freitag farm and a marker designating the site was placed there some years ago. Part of the factory still stands and now serves as a machinery shed.

Mr. Freitag was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

Mr. Freitag is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Edwin E. Steussy, Madison, Mrs. Frederic Sammond, Milwaukee, and Mrs. Gail Fisher, Champaign, Ill; one son, Rufus, San Marino, Calif.; two brothers, Dietrich and Henry D., both of Monticello; three sisters, Mrs. Nic Duerst, Basco, Mrs. Werner Elmer, Sr., Belleville, and Mrs. Fred K. Hefty, Monticello; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by Mrs. Freitag in July, 1941, and two sisters, Mrs. M. F. Hoesly and Mrs. Fred Streiff.

**Funeral Friday**

Funeral services will be held at 2:15 tomorrow (Friday) afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Highland cemetery.

Friends may call at the Voegeli funeral home from 10 a. m. Thursday until 10 a. m. Friday.