John Gempeler 1851 - 1914

John Gempeler, a resident of Monticello died suddenly of heart decease last Wednesday evening. He was on his way home when he dropped on the street and the end came an hour later at his home.

The deceased was born in Wimmis, Canton Berne, Switzerland and came to this country with his parents as a young boy. His parents settled on a farm in Washington township and he later was married to Marie (Mary) Ann Loertscher, daughter of the late Christ Loertscher of Washington township. Eleven children were born to them of which nine are still living. They farmed at several different places, lived at New Glarus several years and later on moved to Monticello. He is survived by his widow, three daughters, six sons, three brothers and one sister.