

Emma Gerber

Feb. 18, 1883 – July 1947

Mrs. Ulrich Gerber, Aged 64, Succumbs After Long Illness Esteemed Local Lady Dies Monday; Rites to be Held Today

Mrs. Ulrich Gerber, 64 years of age, esteemed Monticello resident for the past several years, passed away at 5:30 o'clock Monday evening in her home here, the result of complications following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Gerber had suffered for many months and her passing had been expected by members of her family for some time. Mrs. Gerber expired on her 42nd wedding anniversary.

Native of Switzerland

Emma Friechter was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Canton Berne Feb. 18, 1883, the daughter of John Jacob and Marie Christen Friechter. On July 21, 1905, she was united in marriage to Ulrich Gerber, the ceremony taking place in Switzerland. The following year Mr. and Mrs. Gerber came to America, settling in Monroe. They farmed in the Monroe area until 1920. That year the entire family made a trip to the Gerbers' native home. Upon their return here they purchased a farm in Washington township from Albert Moritz, situated about two miles west of the village. In 1943 they retired from farming and moved to Monticello to make their home.

Since the death of a daughter, Mrs. Emanuel Hess, which occurred Nov. 12, 1930, Mrs. Gerber had raised the three children of her daughter, Roy, Wilbert and Otto Hess.

Mrs. Gerber was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. John Saxer, Monticello; one son, Werner, who operates the Gerber farm; one half-brother, Ernest Friechter, in Switzerland; one sister, Marie, one half-sister, Frieda, both in Switzerland; 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by the daughter, Mrs. Hess; one son, Otto, who died Oct. 18, 1938, and five brothers,

Funeral Thursday

Funeral services will be held at 2 this (Thursday) afternoon at the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Highland cemetery. Six grandsons will serve as pallbearers: Otto and Roy Hess, Werner, Edwin and Harry Saxer, Monticello, and Wilbert Hess, New Glarus.

The body will remain at the Voegeli funeral home until noon Thursday, when it will be removed to the church.