Hilarius Hammerli

March 20, 1873 – July 1942

Hilarius Hammerli, 69, Succumbs, Hold Final Rites Monday Extended Illness Fatal to Highly Esteemed Man Friday Morning

Funeral services for Hilarius Hammerli, 69 years of age, highly esteemed resident of Monticello for the past 22 years, who passed away at 6 o'clock Friday morning in his home on Highland street following an illness which had its inception two years or more ago, were conducted at 2 Monday afternoon to the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church,

Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were: Fred Marty, Jacob Wittenwyler, Edwin Schlittler and Walter Hammerli, Monticello, Jacob Marty, Riley, and Fred Hammerli, Albany.

Native of Switzerland

Hilarius Hammerli was a native of Switzerland and was born in Canton Glarus, March 20, 1873, the son of Fridolin and Maria Blumer Hammerli. He attended schools in his native country. His marriage to Maria Marty occurred on March 6, 1902. Several months later, in the fall of that year, Mr. and Mrs. Hammerli came to America, settling in the Monticello vicinity. For nearly 20 years they farmed about two miles southeast of Monticello. Upon disposing of their farm in 1920 to Walter Wittenwyler, Mr. and Mrs. Hammerli moved to their home on Highland street.

Possessed of an unusually ambitious nature, Mr. Hammerli found retirement after farming too dull and he soon found work of various kinds in the village to occupy his time. Even during the last several months of his life, when his condition had become noticeably weakened, Mr. Hammerli was not content to sit around idle and could often be found doing odd jobs about his home and garden.

His quiet and friendly disposition earned for him the high esteem and respect of a large number of friends and acquaintances, both young and old, all of whom were deeply grieved upon learning of his death Friday. Not only was he a devoted husband and father but an ideal neighbor as well, one who was always ready and willing to help someone in need,

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

Surviving, besides the bereaved widow, are a son, Dr. Fred Hammerli, Los Angeles, Calif. and a daughter, Anna, registered nurse at the Wisconsin General hospital, Madison. He also leaves three brothers, John, Monticello, Fred, Albany, and Leonard, Switzerland; and three sisters, Mrs. John Hammerli, Monroe, Miss Elsa Hammerli, Eureka, Calif., and Mrs. Sam Steinmann, Switzerland, He was preceded by his parents and a brother and sister in Switzerland.