

## **Ernest Strahm**

**Aug. 3, 1877 – October 3, 1946**

### **Ernest Strahm, 69, Former Local Area Farmer, Succumbs Esteemed Man Dies Early Thursday; Final Rites Held Saturday**

Funeral services for Ernest Strahm, 69 years of age, well known and highly esteemed New Glarus man and a former resident of Mt. Pleasant township, who passed away suddenly at 2:30 last Thursday morning in his home were held at 2 Saturday afternoon in the Swiss Evangelical and Reformed church, New Glarus.

The Rev. W. J. Stuckey, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were: James F. Dooley, Abraham Kubly, Vinzenz Baebler, Wm. Spring, Henry Spring, and Henry O. Krueger, all of Monticello.

### **Native of Switzerland**

Ernest Strahm was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Ementhal, Canton Bern, Aug. 3, 1877, the son of Christ and Anna Rothlisberger Strahm. His father died in Switzerland and when he was 15 years old the family of nine brothers accompanied their mother to America, settling in the New Glarus vicinity. On Jan. 16, 1902, he was united in marriage to Mary Scheisser, the ceremony taking place in New Glarus. After their marriage they farmed in the vicinity of Postville a short time, then moved to a farm west of Monticello for one year and subsequently moved to a farm about two miles east of Monticello, where they remained for 34 years. They moved to New Glarus in 1935, leaving the farm in the hands of a son, Wilbert.

Mr. Strahm was a progressive and industrious farmer and was always held in high respect by his many friends and acquaintances, all of whom learned of his sudden and unexpected death with sincere and deep regret. His fellow men placed much faith in his broad minded attitude and clear thinking manner and he served his community as a member of the Silver rural school board, He was one of the organizers of the Monticello North Side Swiss Cheese Co-Operative and served as vice-president of the organization for the first year after the factory began operating in 1933. He has since officiated as a director.

Mr. Strahm was a member of the Swiss Evangelical and Reformed church, New Glarus, where he was confirmed in 1893 by the late Rev. John T. Etter.

He is survived by the widow; two sons, Wilbert and Frederick, Monticello; a daughter, Mrs. Herman Matzinger, New Glarus; two brothers, Robert and Adolph, New Glarus; and six grandchildren.