

Conrad Baebler

Aug. 21, 1860 - Dec. 12, 1916

Conrad Baebler, brief mention of whose death was made in these columns last week, was a native of Switzerland, born at Matt, Canton of Glarus, on Aug. 21, 1860. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vinzenz Baebler and came to America and Green county, this state, when a young man of twenty four years. This was two years before his parents and the other members of the family emigrated to this country and located on a farm in Mt. Pleasant township, three miles east of the village

The subject of this sketch spent his first year here in the township of Jordan then two years in Monroe township after which, he moved to Mt. Pleasant.

March 5, 1889, he was married Elizabeth Rhyner, and to this were born two sons and one daughter, all of whom are still living at home, and and who, with the widow, survive to mourn the loss of of one who was to them all that a loving and indulgent husband and father could be.

In 1891 Mr. and Mrs. Baebler removed to the vicinity of Renwick, Iowa, where they engaged in farming, but the country evidently did not appeal to them and they returned to Wisconsin two years later and again took their home in Mt. Pleasant, this county. It was after Mr. Baebler's return from Iowa that he purchased the farm upon which he continued to make his home up to the time of his death.

Mr. Baebler had suffered for a number of years with stomach trouble from which he was unable to get permanent relief. A couple of weeks before his death he contracted a cold which subsequently developed into pneumonia. However, he appeared to be recovering nicely and was apparently on the road to complete recovery when he was stricken with his old ailment and soon breathed his last. He passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p. m., all of the members of his family being at his bedside when the end came.

Mr. Baebler was numbered among the most progressive and successful farmers in Mt. Pleasant township, and his death removes from the community one whose place will indeed be hard to fill. He was an ideal neighbor and those who knew him best were his staunchest friends. In his business dealings he was ever upright and honorable. He was a faithful and consistent member of the German Reformed church and was in every way worthy of the confidence and esteem in which he was held by his fellow men.

In addition to his immediate family, the deceased is survived by two brothers and four sisters, John and Vincent Baebler, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. William Pagel, of Monroe; Mrs. Peter Babler, Mrs. Abraham Kubly and Mrs. Henry F. Freitag, of Monticello.

Funeral services were held from his late home at 12 o'clock on Friday last, with services at the German Reformed church at 1:30. Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiated and a large concourse of relatives and friends were present to pay their last tribute of respect the the departed. Interment was in Highland cemetery.