

OLD SETTLER IS NO MORE

David Benkert Passed to His Final Reward on Friday Night.

March 1, 1820 – Jan. 9, 1908

David Benkert, who for years had made his home with his son, John Benkert, died at the home of the latter in this village on Friday morning last. His final illness dates back to November 3rd, when he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis, since which time he has been confined to his bed a greater portion of the time. The direct cause of his death was not due to paralysis, but to other complications which set in later and which coupled with his advanced years, left little hope for his ultimate recovery.

The deceased was a native of Switzerland, having been born at Berne on March 1, 1820. He left the land of his nativity in 1851 and came to America, first locating in the vicinity of Monroe. Two years later he bought a farm in Washington township, which he successfully conducted for a number of years, afterwards selling the same to his son, John Benkert. He continued to make his home with his son's family, however, and when they moved to Monticello about five years ago he came with them. Mr. Benkert retired from active work some years ago and the evening of his life has been spent in the peace and quiet which his years of thrift and industry justly entitled him.

Mr. Benkert's wife preceded him to the other shore many years ago, her death occurring in 1879. John and Fred Benkert, of Monticello; Jacob Benkert and Mrs. Michael North, of Monroe are the surviving children.

The funeral was held on Sunday from his late home at 10 o'clock a. m. and from the German Reformed church at 10:30, Rev. Carl Heyl officiated. The remains were taken to the Union cemetery in Washington township for interment.