

MRS. MARGARET DUERST

Feb. 11, 1887 - May 18, 1976

Mrs. Margaret Duerst, 89, a former resident of Monticello, died on Tuesday, May 18, 1976, at the Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe, after a long illness.

She was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, on Feb. 11, 1887, the daughter of Jacob and Regina Koch Poutignat. After receiving her schooling in Switzerland, she came to the United States and Wisconsin at the age of 18. She was married to Albert J. Duerst at New Glarus on January 10, 1918, and they farmed south of New Glarus until 1950 when they moved to Monticello. After her husband's death in 1958, she continued to live in Monticello, before becoming a resident of the Green County Hospital. She had been a patient at Pleasant View since 1968.

Surviving is a foster daughter, Mrs. Ella M. Staley, Seminole, Fla. A foster son, Donald O. Liechti, died in 1930.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Zwingli Memorial Church Lounge, Monticello, with Dr. Linus L. Wierwill, of the Swiss United Church of Christ, New Glarus, officiating. Committal services were held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Swiss Church Cemetery, New Glarus.