

## **Casper Hefty**

**June 20, 1854 – February 1936**

### **Casper Hefty, 81, Born Near Here, Called By Death Father of Local Man Dies in Home at New Glarus**

Last rites for Casper Hefty, 81, native of Washington township, and a life-long resident of Green county, who passed away at his home in New Glarus Thursday morning following a heart attack, were held in that village Sunday afternoon in the Swiss Reformed church, with Rev. Richard Rettig, the pastor, officiating. Mr. Hefty had been in his usual health up to the day before his death, when he complained of not feeling well. Although complaining of no pain, he had remained in bed Thursday morning, his death occurring unexpectedly at about 11:15.

#### **Native of Washington**

Mr. Hefty was born in Washington township, a few miles west of Monticello, on June 20, 1854, the son of Casper and Elizabeth Hoesly Hefty. His marriage to Verena Ott took place in New Glarus. For thirty years the couple lived on the old Hefty homestead farm in New Glarus township, moving to the village in 1911 to spend their declining years.

Besides the widow, he is survived by 11 children. They are: Mrs. Henry T. Freitag, Peter and Henry Hefty, New Glarus; Casper Hefty, Jr., who conducts the homestead farm in New Glarus township; J. Jacob Hefty, Monticello; Thomas Hefty, Evansville; Fred Hefty, Madison; Wilbert Hefty, Chicago; Mrs. Julia Eichelkraut, New Glarus township, and Miss Mathilda Hefty and Mrs. Alma Eichelkraut, at home. He also leaves 13 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Jacob H. Elmer, Monroe, and two brothers, Thomas Hefty, California, and Peter Hefty, Valley Falls, Kans. His parents, one daughter, Wilma, two sisters and four brothers preceded him in death.

Mr. Hefty was a member of the Swiss Reformed church of New Glarus and was a man who had always been held in high regard by those who knew him. Before he retired from active life he was known as one of Green county's most successful farmers.