

## Christian Isely

July 4, 1827 - Oct. 20, 1920

### CHRISTIAN ISELY SUMMONED

#### Ends Earthly Pilgrimage at Home Daughter In Monroe

**Monroe Daily Journal, Oct, 21:** Christian Isely concluded his earthly pilgrimage Oct. 20, 1920, at 3;30 o'clock p. m. to enter into the larger life which is provided in Christ, our Savior, for whosoever will receive Him, which was his chief joy in life to love Him who died for him.

The subject of this sketch was born July 4, 1827, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. He emigrated to this country in 1846 and settled at Mineral City, Ohio, where he was married to Miss Verona Benkert in January, 1857. In the spring of 1861 they and two children moved to Wisconsin, Green county and the town of Washington on a small farm where he remained until 1910, when he moved to Monroe to live with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Fred Ritschard, at whose home he remained about all the time until his departure of this life and where he received the most tender care. During his declining days, for the past two years, he was practically blind and for the last year almost helpless yet always happy and cheerful in his Savior.

To this union were born fourteen children. The wife preceded into the other world 19 years ago, namely Sept. 21, 1901, and one daughter July 7, 1880, one son, John, Aug. 20, 1915, and one son, George, Oct. 30, 1918, therefore leaving eleven children to mourn their loss, namely Samuel Isely and Mary A. Bidlingmaier of Monroe, Wis.; Verona Marty. of Chicago; Jacob Isely of Lindsey, Cal.; Rosa Rufer of Washington township; Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons of Butfalo, Wyoming; Louis Waffiles of Wheaton, Minn.; Henry Isely of Browntown; Maggie Ritschard of the town of Washington; Wm. Isely of the town of Washington, and Mrs. Anna Ritschard of Monroe, Wis., where he made his home. 64 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren are also left to mourn his loss.

The wife, 3 children, 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren preceded him to the other (*words illegible because of fold*) with a host of near and dear friends that have gone before. The number that has gone before is greater there than those that remain here although his friends are legion. A sleep in Jesus blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep. A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes. The above obituary was furnished by the Journal and the date of the funeral has been set for Saturday at 12:30 at the residence of Fred Ritschard on East Liberty street, and at the Reformed church in Washington township at 2:30 p. m.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ritschard, Monroe, Rev. P. A. Schuh, of that city, speaking in German, and Rev. A. Muehlmeier, of Monticello, pastor of the deceased, in English. Services were continued at the Washington Reformed church, of which the deceased was a charter member, where scores of former neighbors, friends and relatives gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed. Rev. Muehlmeier officiated at these services. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery,