

Christian Itten
June 14, 1846 – July 1923
DEATH COMES WHILE ASLEEP
Christian Itten Dies at the Age of 77 Years

Christian Itten, for many years a well known and respected resident of Washington township, passed quietly away at the home of his son, John Itten, a short distance south of New Glarus, during Thursday night of last week. Mr. Itten had been in failing health for some weeks and the end was not unexpected. It was while he was lost in peaceful slumber that the Grim Reaper entered and removed him forever from the scenes of earth.

Mr. Itten was a native of Switzerland, having been born at Spiez, Canton of Berne, on June 14, 1846. He obtained his early education there and was confirmed in 1862. Six years later he came to America and first located at Galion, Ohio, to which place an uncle had preceded him. He remained there for three years and then returned to Switzerland. In 1873 he came to America for the second time. After spending a year in Ohio he came to Wisconsin and spent a couple of years in Monroe. In 1875 he located in Washington township, a few miles from Monticello, and for many years thereafter followed the trade of carpenter.

Mr. Itten was united in marriage to Margaret Zimmerman on Dec. 19, 1878. This union was blessed with six children—three sons and three daughters. A daughter died in infancy and Mrs. Itten preceded him to the other shore on Feb. 4, 1898. Another daughter, Lydia, passed away in 1920.

He remained with his children on the home farm until 1900. Two years later he built a home at New Glarus, making his home in that village until 1906. Since then he had lived with his children and other relatives the greater part of the time.

Mr. Itten was well known through out this section of the country and the news of his death brought sorrow to many an old friend and neighbor.

The surviving children are John and George Itten and Mrs. John Duerst of the vicinity of New Glarus and Albert Itten living west of Monticello.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, first at the home and later at the Reformed church in Washington township. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery. The services were conducted jointly by Rev. Elliker, of New Glarus, and Rev. Muehlmeier, of Monticello. The last rites were largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased.