

Lydia Margareth Itten

May 24, 1881 – May 1920

Death of Miss Lydia Itten Occurred Saturday

Miss Lydia Margareth Itten, who suffered a nervous breakdown several years ago, and who for the past ten years has been a patient at the county asylum, passed away shortly after noon on Saturday, the final summons coming unexpectedly as she was sitting in a chair.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Itten and was born in Washington township on May 24, 1881. She was baptized on April 15th of the same year and was confirmed March 29, 1896, at the Washington Reformed church with a class of twenty-two members. She obtained her early education in the neighborhood school. Later she entered the Monroe Business Institute for a course in business training and it was while attending this school that she was overtaken with the sad affliction of a mental breakdown from which she never recovered. She was under treatment at the state hospital at Mendota for the following three years, but her affliction proved unyielding in its nature and she was subsequently transferred to the county institution, where she spent the remainder of her life.

Before her nervous breakdown Miss Itten was known as a bright and ambitious young woman, and her pitiful condition during the years since misfortune overtook her has been a source of constant sorrow to relatives and friends without number.

Her remains were brought here from Monroe Tuesday morning and a brief service was held at the Voegeli undertaking parlor at 1 o'clock p. m. and later at the Reformed church in Washington township, where her remains were laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Muehlmeier officiated.

Besides her father she is survived by three brothers, John, George and Albert Itten, and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Duerst. Her mother died in 1898 and a sister preceded her in death at the age of about one year.