

Christian Schmid Sr.

Nov. 20, 1858 – May 27, 1920

Christ Schmid Dies After Long Illness

Cancer of Stomach Brings End to Well Known Adams Farmer

Death claimed another of the well known residents of this vicinity on Thursday afternoon of last week, when Christ Schmid, Sr., of Adams township, passed away after an illness of several month's duration. His death occurred at 3 o'clock and was due to cancer of the stomach. The announcement of his death came as a shock to his numerous friends in and around Monticello, very few of whom were aware of the fact that his illness had reached a critical stage.

Mr. Schmid had not been in robust health for a number of years, though it was not until the past year that his condition became, such as to interfere with his usual duties. Medical treatment failed to bring about any improvement in his case and a few weeks ago he went to Rochester, Minn., to consult the Mayo Brothers in the hopes that an operation might afford the relief he sought. He was advised that an operation would prove unavailing, however, though a course of treatment was prescribed which was designed to at least give him some relief.

Mr. Schmid's condition was no doubt more serious for some months than he himself realized. Being a man of unusual will power and remarkable vitality for one of his years, he remained active when many others would have surrendered to the inevitable. Only a week before his death he tramped all over the old homestead farm and he was up and about the house the day before he was called to answer the final summons.

Mr. Schmid was a native of Switzerland, having been born at Fruitingen, Canton of Berne, on Nov. 20, 1858. He immigrated to America in 1886, arriving at New York on Sept. 25. He was married at Cleveland, Ohio, on Oct. 2 of that year to Mrs. Sophie Steiner, also a native of Fruitingen, Switzerland. The same fall he came to Green county and he had since live this vicinity, the last twenty-three years having been spent on the farm where death overtook.

Mr. Schmid was a man who stood high in the estimation of those who knew him. He was upright and honorable in all of his business transactions; he was a kind and indulgent husband and father, and as a neighbor and friend he was always well spoken of in his home neighborhood and elsewhere.

Besides his widow he is survived by two sons, Adolph, now located at Portland, Ore., and Christ, Jr., who owns and conducts the old homestead farm. He is also survived by three brothers, Sam, of Boyceville, Wis., Adolph, of Riley, Wis., and John, of Mt. Vernon, Wis., and two sisters, Mrs. Susie Marty, of Verona, Wis., and Mrs. Albert Elmer, of Trout Lake, Wash. There are also eight stepchildren surviving. One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon at 12 o'clock from the house and 1:30 at the Washington Reformed church, interment being in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiated. The last sad rites were largely attended by neighbors and friends from this vicinity and other points.