

Christ Speich

August 30, 1857 – Jan. 25, 1927

C. SPEICH CLAIMED BY DEATH

Sudden Heart Attack Takes Well Known Local Man

Christ Speich, for more than 40 years a respected resident of Monticello and vicinity, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at his home on Prospect avenue at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. His death was due to heart trouble.

Mr. Speich had devoted most of his time Monday to trimming the trees about his premises. He was down town after his mail about 5 o'clock Monday evening and appeared to be in his usual health at that time.

During the night, however, he was taken ill and shortly after 7 o'clock in the morning Dr. Blumer was called. It was while sitting in an easy chair and chatting with the doctor that he was suddenly stricken and passed away. The news of his unexpected death came as a shock to relatives and friends alike.

Mr. Speich was a native of Switzerland, born at Matt, Canton of Glarus, on August 30, 1857. He was confirmed in 1873. His marriage to Elizabeth Babler occurred there in 1878.

Mr. and Mrs. Speich came to America in 1883, and first settled in this village. Six years later Mr. Speich bought what is now commonly known as the Derendinger farm in Adams township, which he successfully conducted for a period of 13 years. In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Speich retired from farming and moved to their present home in this village.

The deceased was a member of the Monticello Reformed church. He was highly esteemed as a citizen and a neighbor, and was closely devoted to his family. Of late years he had followed the carpenters trade.

Besides the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Jacob Rupp and Mrs. Fred W, Blum, of Monticello, and one son, Jacob, survive. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Carl Guggisberg, of St. Paul, and two brothers, Jacob Speich and Matt Speich, of Ladysmith. A sister, Mrs. Henry Hoesly, passed away (words missing) ago.

Funeral services will be held (words missing) afternoon (words missing) the home and at 1:30 at the Monticello Reformed church. Rev. Muehlmeier will officiate and burial will be in Highland cemetery.