

Edward Weissmiller

June 15, 1864 - January 20, 1919

Edward Weissmiller, mention of whose death was made in a recent issue of The Messenger was a native of this vicinity, having been born on the old homestead farm in Washington township on June 15, 1864. He was baptized in the year of his birth and was confirmed with a class at New Glarus on March 21, 1880.

His father and mother, the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weissmiller, were among the early settlers in Washington township, and experienced many of the hardships of pioneer days in carving out of the wilderness a home for themselves and their family of children. They were naturally interested in dairying, and it was on the old home farm that the subject of this sketch became interested in the manufacture of cheese, which vocation he followed the greater part of his life.

With the exception of a year spent in Iowa—and later more or less time near Oshkosh—he had spent all of his life in and near Monticello.

For a number of years he had been failing in health. Although he sought relief in many places and consulted some of the best specialists in the country, including the Mayo brothers, the disease with which he was afflicted proved unyielding in its nature and all efforts to better his condition proved unavailing. A number of months ago his condition became more aggravated and from then on he suffered a gradual decline until the end. The past few months he had spent near Oshkosh, where he was tenderly cared for at the home of his sister, Mrs. Gottfried Wiedmer, and where he answered the final summons on Monday, January 20, at the age of 54 years, 7 months and 5 days.

He is survived by three brothers, Albert and Jacob, of Monticello, and Charley, of Oshkosh, and one sister, Mrs. Gottfried Wiedmer, of Oshkosh. His parents, two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

The deceased was a man who stood high in the estimation of a large circle of friends, and the news of his death was received with sorrow by one and all.

His remains were brought to Monticello for interment, funeral services being held at the Reformed church on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 1 p. m. His remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the Washington township cemetery. A large number of relatives and friends, many from Monroe and other points, were in attendance at the last sad rites.