

## **John M. Zweifel**

**March 4, 1868 – February 23, 1958**

### **John M. Zweifel, 89, Dies Early Sunday; Rites Held Tuesday**

Funeral services for John M. Zweifel, Monticello's oldest male resident, who would have reached the age of 90 years on March 4, who passed away at 1:20 a. m. Sunday at his home of old age infirmities, were held at 2 Tuesday afternoon in the Zwingli United Church of Christ here.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Walter Henning, New Glarus, Henry J. Elmer, Morgan Phillips, Ivan Wichser, C. M. Stauffer and Fred Roethlisberger.

Mr. Zweifel had been in failing health for four months and had been bedridden for four days.

### **Blacksmith Many Years**

Born in New Glarus township on the farm now known as the Paul Klassy farm, on March 4, 1868, he was the son of Henry and Katherina Schuler Zweifel. He attended rural school. On Jan. 5, 1892, he was married at New Glarus to Anna Marty. They resided in New Glarus for a short time, then coming to Monticello, where they lived for over 60 years. Mr. Zweifel operated a planing mill and a blacksmith shop for many years and served as village marshal here for many years in the early 1900's.

An ardent hunter and fisherman in the earlier years when his health permitted, Mr. Zweifel derived much pleasure from pursuing his two favorite sports. He was perhaps one of the best known and outstanding story tellers and joksters that residents of Monticello can recall.

Mr. Zweifel is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Sam E. Duerst and Mrs. Henry V. Baebler, Monticello; one son, John W. Zweifel, Monroe, superintendent of the Green county teachers college; two grandchildren, Karl Duerst, Monticello, and Mrs. Eugene Webber, New Glarus; and one great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Aug. 11, 1939, one grandson, Merlin Duerst, 1925, three brothers, Jacob, Henry and Nickolus, and five sisters, Mrs. Martin Diesch, Earlsville, Iowa, Mrs. Oswald Figi, Mrs. J. Henry Legler, Mrs. Matt Marty and Mrs. Jacob Mani.