

MRS. ELIZABETH THEURER was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Jacoby, and first beheld the light of this world in Schuylkill county, Pa., on January 29, 1824. On May 9 of the same year Rev. Meier baptised her in the name of the Triune God. After due instructions in God's Word she publicly renewed (sic) her baptismal covenant in the rite of confirmation. This happened in Marion county, O., as the Jacoby family moved to the latter place when Mrs. Theurer was 7 years old. In Marion county it was that she grew up into womanhood and spent the first 11 years of her married life. Her marriage to John Frederick Theurer took place on April 24, 1842. Mr. Theurer was a widower with a family of three small children, one son and two daughters. His former wife was an older sister of the departed. To these children Mrs. Theurer was a true mother. She treated them with the same love and affection as her own. In April of the year 1853 Mr. Theurer and his family moved to this county and at once settled on the place where both died.

Those were pioneer days and the struggles and hardships they had to endure we can today hardly understand. Deer were at that time still to be found in the forest. Their family, including the three children of the first marriage, consisted of two sons, and ten daughters. The daughters are all living and have their own families, but the sons have passed into eternity. Her husband died July 23, 1885. Mrs. Theurer was with this congregation from its very beginning and has always remained a faithful, active member. Our departed mother was in former years as a general thing hale and hearty, but about six years ago she became afflicted with rheumatism and also suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. Since that time she has been compelled to use crutches. Three years ago she had a severe fall and broke her hip; this of course caused her intense pain and made her helpless for a long time. But she got so that she could be around on her crutches again and even was able to come to church. However rheumatism gave her much distress and she gradually grew more feeble. The past ten months she was compelled to spend almost exclusively in bed. She was thus a great sufferer and needed much care but she cheerfully submitted to God's Holy Will and continually found renewed strength and hope in God's word, which she diligently used. Her Heavenly Father in whom she trusted finally said: "it is enough" and released her from all pain and woe last Monday morning at about 7:30 o'clock. She attained an age of 82 years, 6 months and 22 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure ten daughters, including the two from the former marriage, fifty-eight grandchildren; eighty-two great-grandchildren, two brothers, one sister besides many other distant relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held at the Sutherland church in Salamonia, Indiana, Wednesday forenoon, August 22, her pastor, Rev. Emch, (sic) of Ft. Recovery, Ohio, officiating. Two sermons were delivered, a German and English. The funeral was the largest ever held in Salamonia.

Interment in the cemetery by the church.